Chicago Coin Club

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January 1996

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Editor's Notes

Another year is here and it is time to pay our 1996 membership dues.

Enclosed is an envelope for your convenience in sending in your 1996 dues if you have not already paid.

Take note - the February meeting will not be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. It will be in Rosemont on the 24th of the month. Here is a good opportunity to attend a paper money show as well as a club meeting and here a good talk on world currency.

William A. Burd

Volume 42 No. 1 January 1996

MINUTES OF THE 923RD MEETING

Our Annual Banquet was held 12/13/95 at the Hickory Pit Restaurant. Cocktails were from 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

President Andrew Michyeta welcomed guests and members. Second reading of Charles Menard was conducted and he was elected to membership. Mr. Michyeta presented a special award to the 1st National Bank in recognition of their donating their conference room for our monthly meetings. Jeff Rasinia accepted the award on behalf of the bank.

Carl Wolf presented ANA certificates to all speakers for the year 1995. Mr. Wolf then presented the Cabeen award to the members who ranked highest by other members for Show and Tell presented at the club meetings during 1995. Mark Wieclaw received the Gold Medal, Robert Leonard Jr. Received the Silver Medal, and Robert Feiler and Harry Flower each received Bronze Medals.

Robert Leonard Jr. was featured speaker of the evening. His topic was *Cut Money of Colonial America* and was accompanied by a slide presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

ANS/CCC SYMPOSIUM

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OUR 924th MEETING

DATE: Jan 10, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

Enter building at the south entrance of the Dearborn side. Sign in at security desk and take elevator to 18th floor.

Featured Speaker - Phil Carrigan - *Canadian Numismatics as Reflected in it's Literature.*

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Feb 2	Tillie Boosel	
Feb 9	Steven G. Zitowsky	1991
Feb 25	Walter Pershke	1968
Feb 27	Ronald Martino	1991

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 10 - Chicago Coin Club Meeting
Featured Speaker - Phil Carrigan - Canadian Numismatics as reflected in it's literature.

Feb 23-25- Rosemont-Chicago CPMX Paper Money Show
(Feb CCC Meeting will be held at this show on Feb 24th)

Mar 27 - ANS/CCC Symposium - Chicago

Mar 29-31 - Chicago International Coin Fair
(Mar CCC Meeting will be held at this show on Mar 30th)

NOTICE

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February 1996 Chicago Coin Club meeting will be held at 1PM on Saturday the 24th of February at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 6600 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Illinois.

Our meeting is in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition being held at the same address from Friday the 23rd to Sun the 25th.

The featured speaker will be Mel Steinberg on World Currency.

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Editor's Notes

Our Club is at the beginning of a very busy two months.

The next two meetings will be held in conjunction with numismatic shows. At the February meeting we will be giving away a Paper on obsolete currency and at the March show a Paper on African trade beads. A tremendous amount of effort and research went into their production. If you can not make the meeting you should consider ordering them from the Club. $10.00 for the Obsolete Currency and tentatively $8.00 for the trade beads, plus shipping. They can not be sold until after the meetings but you can send in an order with payment.

Also, in March we have the ANS/CCC Symposium which will be the event of the year. If you plan on attending please send in your reservation with $35.00. If you did not get an application call me. There also is a dinner after the seminar and that will cost $50.00 per person.

1996 Dues is now overdue. If you have not yet paid please send $10.00 for regular membership now.

William A. Burd

Volume 42 No. 2 February 1996

MINUTES OF THE 924th MEETING

The 924th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 10, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta III.

Robert Feiler reports on the Chicago Paper Money Show giveaway. Our regular February meeting will be held at the show 2/24/96 at the Ramada Hotel 6600 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, IL. At 1:00 PM. A motion was passed for the club to giveaway a souvenir sheet to all in attendance at the meeting and left over sheets will be available at $10 a piece. Only 200 sheets will be printed. As usual Serial #1 will go in the club archives. The speaker at the meeting will be Mel Steinberg.

Robert Leonard Jr. reports on ANS/CCC Symposium. To date $825.00 in contributions have been received. Harlan J. Berk, Carl Subak and Andrew Michyeta III will underwrite the reception. Carl Wolf nominated Mel Frear as treasurer for the symposium, a motion was passed on the floor for the nomination and it was approved by the membership. An article has appeared in Numismatic News and the ANS newsletter about the symposium. A poster is also being worked on.

Second vice-president Carl Wolf reports on the CICF giveaway. Carl requests a budget of $450.00 to purchase African Trade Beads. A quantity of 150 will be made. The motion was entered on the floor and approved by the membership.

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Exhibitors: Robert Feiler -1868 French franc coin knife with file and scissors, half dollar coin club Christmas promotion; Andrew Michyeta - Uganda 10,000 shilling 1 kilo silver coin and 5,000 shilling half kilo silver coin; Mark Wieclaw - St. George and the Dragon design on coins by Benedetto Pistrucci; Reid Geisler - 1995 silver eagle with double date; Robert Weinstein - bent bar of Taxila, Fractional of Taxila, plated bent bar of Kuru and Panchala, punchmarked coin of Kosola, punchmarked coin of Kosala, punchmarked coin of Avanti, 3 punchmarked coins of the Mauryan Empire; Robert Leonard Jr. - 4 coins of Beirut 1st century AD, 2nd century AD, 13th century AD and 19th Century AD; Harry Flower - East Germany 5 mark coin 1979 in unc and proof in special 3 pc case to prevent removal; Phil Carrigan - CCC Auction list dated 2/2/1938 formerly in the Armand Champa Library; Joel Reznick - complete Palestine forerunners set.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 24 - CCC Meeting 1:00 PM at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Illinois

Feb 23-25- Rosemont-Chicago CPMX
Paper Money Show.

Mar 27 - ANS/CCC Symposium - Chicago

Mar 30 - CCC Meeting 1 PM at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water Street, Chicago

Mar 29-31 - Chicago International Coin Fair
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Mar 7	James R. Budd	1964
Mar 7	Bruno Rzepka	1968
Mar 14	Donald R. Srbeny	1987
Mar 16	Michael Brodsky	1991
Mar 16	Joseph T. Tomasko	1984
Mar 19	Charles Ricard	1963
Mar 20	Sidney Bick	1953
Mar 23	Eileen Peterson	1982
Mar 25	David B. Silberman	1971
Mar 29	Arthur C. Allen	1966
Mar 29	Nancy Wilson	1984
Mar 31	A. E. Michyeta III	1984

OUR 925th MEETING

DATE: Feb 24, 1996

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Ramada O'Hare Hotel
6600 N. Mannheim Road
Rosemont, Illinois

Featured Speaker - Mel Steinberg on
World Currency

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NEWS RELEASE

OBSOLETE CURRENCY IS CLUB SOUVENIR AT CPMX

The Chicago Coin Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, February 24, 1996 at 1:00 pm in conjunction with the upcoming 2nd annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition. The meeting will be held in the VIP room at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Illinois. One mile from O'Hare Airport.

The featured speaker at the meeting will be well known paper money dealer Mel Steinberg. His topic will be *"What's Hot in World Paper Money"*.

The club will be giving away a special Chicago paper money premium to everyone who attends the meeting. This first annual issue will be a reproduction sheet of 4 notes from the **MERCHANTS AND MECHANICS BANK OF CHICAGO,** which existed in the early 1850s. The issue is limited to 200 pieces. The sheet contains a $5, $3 and two $1 notes, with a face value of $10.

Each obsolete sheet is accompanied by its history, written by club member Robert Feiler. This will be the first obsolete sheet of uncut currency from a Chicago Bank issued by the Chicago Coin Club.

Those not attending the meeting can purchase the Club's Obsolete currency sheet for $10 at the show or $12 by mail. Contact CCC, PO Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60606.

Written by Robert Feiler for release to the News media

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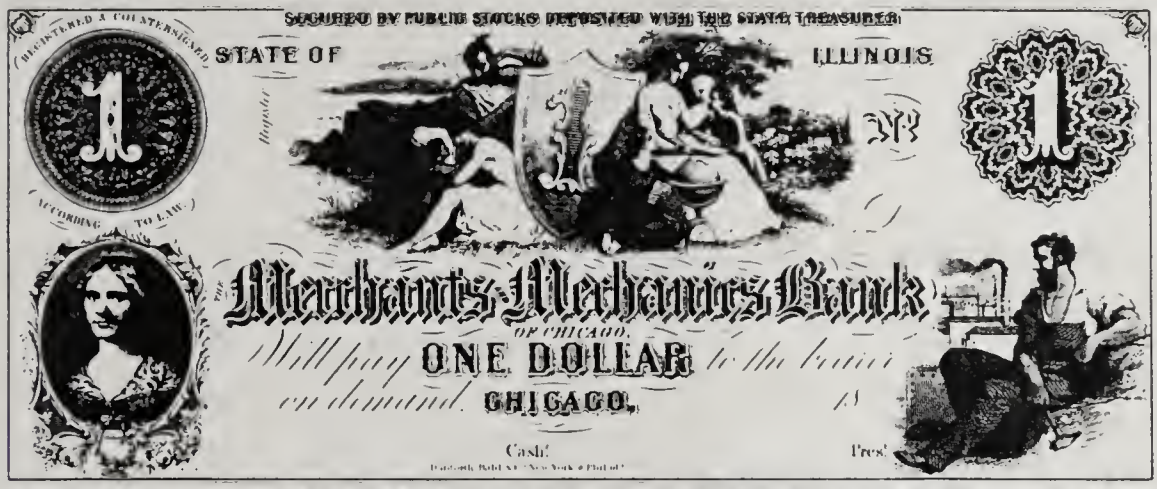
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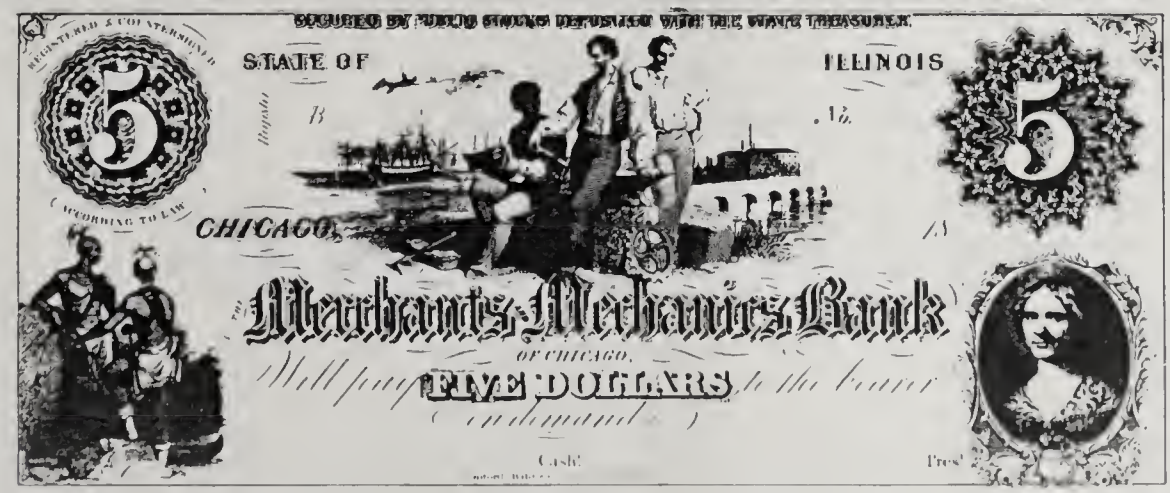
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Editor's Notes

The February meeting at the Chicago Paper Money Show was quite a success. The turnout was exceptional with the meeting room full to capacity. Mel Steinberg gave a good talk on the World Currency market and the Club's giveaway on Obsolete Bank Notes was a big hit. Bob Feiler did a lot of work to make this giveaway possible and should be commended for his effort.

We now have March to look forward to which will include the ANS/CCC Symposium; the March meeting at the CICF Show and another world class giveaway - this one on African bead money.

In last month's Minutes for the January meeting we inadvertently left out mention of the featured speaker. Phil Carrigan was the featured speaker and his topic was *Canadian Numismatics as reflected in it's Literature.*

William A. Burd

Volume 42 No. 3 March 1996

MINUTES OF THE 925th MEETING

The 925th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1:00 PM on February 24, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta III.

Donn Pearlman welcomed visitors to the meeting and to the Chicago Paper Money Exposition.

Mel Steinberg was main speaker and spoke on what's hot in world currency. A question and answer session followed.

Carl Wolf spoke on the Chicago Coin Club giveaways both present and past. Robert Feiler spoke on the Club's reproduction of obsolete bank notes from the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Chicago, this meetings giveaway. Carl Wolf passed out the giveaway to all present at that meeting. Copy Number 1 was presented to Joe Tomasko for placement in the Club Archives. Copy Number 2 was presented to the author Bob Feiler.

Brian Stubbs introduced each of the guests present.

Meeting adjourned.

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

April 1	Charles J. Ryant	
April 12	Mark Wieclaw	
April 15	Charles Menard	1995
April 15	Robert D. Leonard	1983
April 27	Don Valenziano	1982
April 30	Thomas J. Nolan	

OUR 926th MEETING

DATE: Mar 30, 1996

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
301 E. North Water Street
Downtown Chicago

Featured Speaker - George Cuhaj
Baden-Cowell and the Boar
Seige at Mafeking

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 27 - ANS/CCC Symposium at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water Street, Downtown Chicago

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April 10 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Mark Wieclaw on *Bank Notes of Brazil - Cruzeiros Issued from 1940 to 1967.*

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Editor's Notes

The ANS/CCC Symposium was a grand success. Everything ran smooth from registration in the morning through the reception and the dinner in the evening. All ten speakers gave excellent talks. There were approximately 50 participants and all stayed for the entire program - a good measure of it's success.

The symposium was video taped and is currently being edited and will be made available sometime in the near future.

Our March meeting in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair was also a big success. We had 94 people in attendance to hear George Cuhaj speak on Baden Powell and to receive our primitive money giveaway.

Thank you to all the people who donated money to help with the cost of the ANS/CCC Symposium. You were all listed in last month's Chatter, except Dr. Jay Galst who also was a contributor.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society conducts a program with the Milwaukee area Boy Scouts which enables them to receive their merit badge in coin collecting. Lee Hartz, who heads up the program for the MNS, has invited anyone from the CCC who is interested in doing this in Chicago to contact him and attend their next program on Saturday April 20th in Milwaukee. You can contact Lee through MNS, Annette Tramte, 2368 S. 59th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219 or see me and I will put you in touch with Lee.

William A. Burd

The Chicago Coin Club and the Internet

For the past several months, club member Paul Hybert has made certain we are well represented on the Internet through our own World Wide Web Homepage.

Anyone accessing our page will be able to read about our special projects such as the handouts at our meetings in conjunction with the CICF and CPMX shows and our book *Perspectives in Numismatics.* Also covered is a schedule of our upcoming meetings and the featured speakers. The CCC/ANS Symposium was also covered in some detail.

Additionally, Paul has explained the objectives of the club, how to apply for membership and who to contact for additional information.

Our Homepage can be accessed via the following address: http://www.ece.iit.edu/~prh/coins/ccc.html

MINUTES OF THE 926th MEETING

The 926th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1:00 PM on March 30, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta III. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair. An opening address was made by Robert Leonard, Jr. and Harlan J. Berk about the recent ANS/CCC Symposium. Harlan reported that the event was video taped and would be available to the public at a future date. The event was such a success the ANS wants us to host another one. Thanks were given to Robert Weinstein for the video taping, Carl Wolf for programs and printing, Mel Frear as treasurer, Andrew Michyeta for commemorative glasses and more, Carl Subak for sponsoring an ANS Curator and a special thanks to Krause Publications for the meeting room and posters. And also to all who donated money to help defray the cost of the Symposium.

Brian Stubbs read all guest cards. In all 94 members and guests attended the meeting.

Our featured speaker, Mr. George Cuhaj, spoke on Baden Powell and the Boar War seige at Mafe King.

President Michyeta read the first reading for new member applicant James P. Flannery, Jr. and the second reading for Edward Stevens and Thomas Kulasik. The membership accepted these two gentlemen as new members.

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Robert Leonard, Jr. spoke about African trade beads (the primitive money giveaway for this year) their history and usage. Carl Wolf spoke about past primitive money replicas done by the CCC and then passed out this years to all present at the meeting. Serial #1 went to club archivist Joe Tomasko, #2 to the author, Robert Leonard, Jr. and #3 to our afternoon speaker Mr. George Cuhaj.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

OUR 927th MEETING

DATE: April 10, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
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Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on *Bank Notes of Brazil - Cruzeiros Issued from 1940 to 1967.*

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

May 2	Donn Pearlman	1979
May 3	Roy Grundy	1981
May 7	Mark Whaley	
May 10	Martin Vink	
May 11	William Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rasinia	1995
May 15	Jay Galst, MD	1991
May 17	Paul Hybert	1994
May 17	Shirley Valenziano	1984
May 23	Robert Weinstein	1991
May 25	John Ross	

IMPORTANT DATES

April 10 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Mark Wieclaw on *Bank Notes of Brazil - Cruzeiros Issued from 1940 to 1967.*

May 8 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Charles Ricard on *U. N. Diplomats Medals.*

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Club member Dr. Saul B. Needleman has started two new columns in our *Chatter*. The *Show and Tell Corner* covers the previous month's exhibits in depth and *Speakers Wor{l}d* covers the previous months feature talk.

These columns should be beneficial for the members who did not attend the meeting as well as the members who were there, who want a lasting record of what they heard and saw.

Please voice you opinion about this. If it is well received, Saul will attempt to do them each month.

On page nine is an inventory of various products we have for sale. If you are interested in any of these items please contact Carl Wolf or myself.

William A. Burd

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MINUTES OF THE 927th MEETING

The 927th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta III at 7:00 P.M., April 10, 1996. All the reports from the ANS Symposium were favorable. Carl Wolf gave an accounting of the costs associated with the African trade bead piece. Robert Leonard, Jr. also reported only positive comments from all about the Symposium. The treasurer of the event, Mel Frear reports that we are ahead by $300.

The Elgin Coin Club will have an auction May 1, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the VFW off of Rte. 20. The Hillside Coin Club will meet May 6, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the village hall on Wolf Road. CCC members are welcome to attend these club events.

Our speaker for the evening was Mark Wieclaw. His topic was *Banknotes of Brazil - Cruzieros Issued from 1940-1967.* A financial report was read by Brian Stubbs. Exhibitors for the evening were Robert Feiler, Phil Carrigan, Charles Menard, Andrew Michyeta, Bob Weinstein, Saul Needleman, Mike Metras, Robert Leonard, Jr., Harry Flower and Mark Wieclaw.

New members-second reading: James P. Flannery, Jr. First reading: Chuck Swanson. Congratulations and welcome!

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

APRIL MEETING

The speaker for the evening was **Mark Wieclaw** who addressed the problems of Brazilian inflation as depicted in their changing paper money series.

A series of bank notes covering 13 denominations valued in milreis circulated between 1833 and 1942. Over the last couple of years of this series, the valuation of the notes changed from milreis to cruzieros on the basis of serial numbers. Finally, in 1942, a new series of bills, of similar design appeared, these valued in cruzieros. For practical purposes, the 1 cruziero note represented 1000 milreis. The milreis notes were withdrawn in 1955. Between 1942 and 1949, the cruziero notes were printed by the American Banknote Company. After 1949 to 1963, the notes were printed by Thomas La Rue. Nevertheless, the 1966 10,000 cruziero note was printed by the ABC. The milreis notes were not signed in the usual signature positions, but instead bore the signature of the Minister of Finance across the face of the bill. The cruziero notes were signed by the Minister of Finance and the Director of Amortization in the usual positions. The president of Brazil signed the highest denomination notes. One additional change was made in the bills. The legend VALOR RECEBIDO, which appeared under the portrait, was changed to VALOR LEGAL after 1954.

There are no dates on any of the bills. A variety of portraits are used ranging from politicians and presidents to generals and other prominent Brazilians. One woman is included in the series.

In 1960, new inflation necessitated a new series of paper money, these valued in cruzieros nuevo, again cutting off the final three zeros of the existing values. These bills remained in circulation for 19 years. The 5,000 and 10,000 cruziero bills did not have the new denomination stamped on the bills. The 1, 2 and 5 cruziero bills of 1960 were printed by the Casa de Moneda of Brazil and were demonitized in 1967. The highest values were destroyed in 1976.

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In 1986 the cruzado series appeared which lasted for 35 months. In 1989 the new cruzado appeared for 15 months followed by a new series which lasted 41 months. August 1993 saw the appearance of the cruziero real followed in July 1995 by the new real.

With 13 denominations in each series, collecting the paper notes of Brazil is a formidable task. It was pointed out that the metallic currency of Brazil also underwent alteration from the 1830s to date in line with the inflationary charges in the country.

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TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
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Featured Speaker - To be announced.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

APRIL MEETING

Andy Michyeta showed a 100 dollar denomination silver 'coin' of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas series on "Whales of the World". The piece contains a 1 kg of silver and is about 6 inches in diameter and ½ inch thick. The obverse has the usual bust of Queen Elizabeth right and the reverse shows three whales (species unidentified) swimming about surrounded by the legend KILO WHALE SERIES II.

Mike Metras showed a number of pieces he acquired at CICF. These included: 1.) a one stiver of Essequibo & Demarary AE of 1813 with the bust of George III with braids/crowned value in wreath - 2.) a $2 triangular shaped coin of Cook Islands AR of 1992 - 3.) a 10 pfennig notgeld coin of Duren, Germany, iron from 1918. The coin shows a helmeted man bust left/legend of value - 4.) a ¼ ? of Algeria, AR of 1240 CE with arabic legends on both sides - 5.) a Spanish 5 peseta crown countermarked with a crown on the neck of the king, for the Azores, AR of 1871. The portrait of the king left/coat of arms of Spain - 6.) a 3 levon of Armenia, AR of 1301 CE with a rider on horseback.

Robert Feiler continued the show of new acquisitions with a 1892-1893 Columbian Exposition 2 inch box medal containing the original colored multi-fold illustrations of buildings at the Fair. The medal itself had a bust facing on the obverse and a U.S. battleship depicted on the reverse. A second piece was a Pennsylvania 5 pound colonial note of 1775 signed by Job Bacon and Edward Roberts picturing the site of the first manned flight in America. The building, the Walnut Street Workhouse in Phila., was originally built as a prison for Tories, Later (1777) a British prison for American captured in the battle of Brandywine. Again in American hands, in 1793, the courtyard of the building was used to launch a manned balloon having a gondola shaped like a rowboat including oars. George Washington and Robert Morris viewed the launch along with the general public who paid $2/$5 for the privilege. Jean Pierre Bouchard was the pilot.

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Phil Carrigan displayed the new $2 bimetallic Canadian coin with Queen Elizabeth's bust right/polar bear. He also showed a wooden nickel of 1959 'issued' by R.H. Rosholm who turns out to have been a member of CCC in the 1940's-1950's. The wood nickel depicted a covered wagon/legend. Both pieces were given to Phil as a gift by a friend from Toronto.

Charles Menard showed the only gold version of the CCC 'Pioneers' medal which he acquired at auction from the estate of the original owner in California who died two years after purchasing the medal from the club.

Bob Weinstein displayed three coins of the South Arabian peninsula. Two were silver Persian siglos of ca 500 BCE, one countermarked with a Himyarite merchant mark (a letter of the Himyaritic alphabet) and the other with eight countermarks of Brahmi (India) origin including a 'cha', a letter of the Brahmi alphabet. Such coins are often found in Turkey today. The third piece was a Himyarite ½ drahm scyphate of the 1st century CE. The coin showed a royal bust right with dreadlock hairdo on the obverse and a smaller version of the same bust surrounded by a legend naming the ruler on the reverse. The Himyaritic area was taken over by Axum, one of its colonies, in about 500 CE.

Saul Needleman displayed the U.S. Navy Medal for Meritorious Service awarded him by the Secretary of the Navy upon his retirement in September, 1995. The medal is the highest medal which can be awarded to civilian employees of the Navy by the Secretary of the Navy. The medal showed the anchor/eagle emblem of the Navy and came with the corresponding chest and lapel ribbons. Saul also showed the citation which accompanied the medal.

Continuing his presentations of Albert Einstein medals, **Harry Flower** brought a two-faced 40 mm silver medal issued in 1976 in Germany to commemorate events in the lives of Alfred Nobel and Albert Einstein. The Nobel side showed Nobel's bust surrounded by an extensive legend commemorating the 75th anniversary of first Nobel prize awarded in 1901. The second face showed Einstein's bust with a legend describing the 55th anniversary of his receipt of the Nobel prize in 1921.

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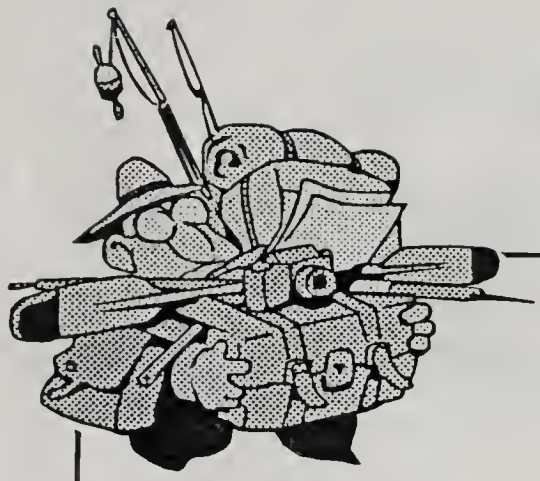
Bob Leonard continued the earlier theme of countermarks by showing several Byzantine coins of Anastasius before and after the currency reform of 498 CE. Prereform 40 nummia pieces were US 25 cent size with an M reverse while the 20 nummia pieces were 5 cent sized showing a K. Later, the size of the coins was doubled but the original value designations remained unchanged. This dual value/size currency system created confusion since the earlier 40 and 20 nummia pieces now had only half their original values. To resolve the problem, merchants marked the earlier pieces with a series of countermarks (circle, plus sign, crescent, etc.) at various positions on the coin to indicate that these were the devalued earlier issues. Coins without the countermarks were values at their 40 and 20 nummia values.

Mark Wieclaw showed a miscellaneous group of items made of or depicting U.S. paper money. These included: a $500 pencil, $20 pen, $200 box of candy, $100 mug, $1 bowtie and $1 ring, $100 air freshener for autos, minimoney pads and the new $100 bill with Benjamin Franklin's portrait.



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

June 11	Joseph Piekarczyk	1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	1977
June 27	James Simek	1973

IMPORTANT DATES

May 8 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Charles Ricard on *U. N. Diplomats Medals.*

June 12 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: To be announced.

July 10 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Brian Stubbs, subject to be announced.

July 17-20 - Greater Chicago Coin Expo. at Navy Pier Exposition Center.

INVENTORY

The following is an accounting of items produced by The Chicago Coin Club over the past several years and are still available for purchase.

Item	Year Issued	Number Created	Number On Hand
African Trade Beads	1996	150	39
Chinese Knife Money	1995	250	43
Bark Cloth	1994	200	75
Clam Shell	1993	200	48
Ax Money	1992	250	77
Janus Medal (Bronze)	1985	125	35
Janus Medal (Nickel Silver)	1985	125	41
Merchants and Mechanics Souvenir Sheet	1996	200	70
Perspectives in Numismatics (Soft Cover book)	1986		55

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please contact Carl Wolf or myself.

CHATTER MATTER

The *Chatter* can be faxed to anyone who has a fax machine and wants it quicker than via U.S. mail. A copy can also be mailed for your permanent file if you desire.

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Chicago Coin Club

CHATTER

June 1996

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Editor's Notes

We received many favorable comments on Dr. Saul B. Needleman's two columns in last month's *Chatter* - the *Show and Tell Corner* and *Speakers Wor{l}d.* He has again given us a detailed write-up on the exhibits and featured talk of last month's meeting and we have included them in this *Chatter.*

Two coin shows are coming to the Chicago area and our Club will have tables at both. One is the Greater Chicago Coin Expo at Navy Pier from July 17th thru the 20th. The other is the Illinois Numismatic Association annual show at the Best Western Hotel in Homewood from Sep 6th thru the 8th. These shows afford us a great opportunity to present our Club to the public by making ourselves available to answer questions and by displaying the educational material we have produced over the years. Any member wishing to volunteer a couple hours at one of these shows should talk to Carl Wolf or myself. Your time would be appreciated.

The attendance at our meetings have been impressive. Last month was the biggest turn out for a regular meeting in a long time. Our members are participating more than ever and it is making for a meaningful social and educational event. Try to make the next meeting. I am certain you will enjoy yourself.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 928th MEETING

The 927th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta III at 7:00 P.M., May 8, 1996. Carl Wolf called for a motion to put all material in the minutes of the Chatter. Last month the exhibitors were excluded from the official minutes. Second member reading for Charles Swanson and he was accepted as a member. New member reading for Terry Capps, this is his first reading and unless objections are heard he will become a member next month. Robert Leonard Jr. stated that the ANS wants a report. A motion was entered on the floor to close the account set up for the symposium and segregate it into our current accounts. Carl Wolf 1st the measure and it was 2nd and passed by a majority of the membership.

New Business - Arlene from the ANS was very positive about the Chicago Coin Club and the symposium as a whole. She thanks the club for hosting the symposium. Mr. Michyeta also received a letter from Arthur Houghton and Arlene thanking the CCC. Robert Leonard Jr. suggests that the next symposium have a theme and also we would issue a call for papers.

Exhibitors for the evening were:

Carl Wolf- gaming token from the cosmic fantasy resort, Hawaii, gaming token from Trump's Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N. J., Washington National Airport taxi cab dispatch token, all three exhibit a circular bar code (trademark "smart mark")used to foil users of lead slugs.

Robert Feiler- 1702 French ECU coin pill box or compact with mirror, Maria Theresa Thaler made into money clip, 1901 Prussian 2 Mark commemorative coin pin, 1916

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Bavarian 2 diameter box medal with 24 fold out color rondells (scenes) of World War I battles, scenes and military figures. Obverse: Ludwig III Koenig Von Bayern. Reverse: Lions holding shield topped by crown dated 1914/16 Bayern Thaler, 1993 # Federal Reserve note chemically treated and shrunk to 4 3/16 X 1 15/16

Andrew Michyeta- silver 5.00 g 0.835 1 lira 1906 Italy.

Dick DeRobertis- 1909 S VDB, 1943 on a copper planchet (questionable) dime on a penny planchet (questionable).

Robert Leonard- money of Georgia from 1184-1993 4.7 g copper coin of Queen T'Amar, 1184-1212 Bisti of Baker, 1717/8 400 Dinars 1833, subway token of Tirilisi, 1993.

Harry Flower- commissioned medal of Albert Einstein by Janice Ke Lommis.

Mike Metras- two rolls of new 1886-D dimes with curios machine gouges.

Mark Wieclaw- 2-gold coins of Canada 1 year issues, 2 pieces leather sole money of Germany.

Charles Ricard- 1 United Nations official 25th anniversary silver medal 1945-1970, 17 United Nations peace "Diplomats" medals sterling proof 1971 through 1987. (Part of the featured talk)

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

MAY MEETING

Carl Wolf led off the evening with a display of three tokens bearing the new trademarked "Smart Mark", a series of rings built into the obverse and reverse designs similar to the bar codes. Included were a $1 gaming token from Cosmic Fantasy Resort of Hawaii, a $2 gaming token from Trump's Taj Mahal hotel in Atlantic City and a Washington National Airport Taxi Cab Dispatch token. The ring "bar code" foils use of slugs and also includes information on the denomination of the token for easy counting purposes.

Bob Feiler showed a number of items including a U. S. $1 Federal Reserve Note which had been chemically treated to shrink it to 4 3/16" X 1 15/16", a Maria Theresa thaler made into a money clip, a 1901 Prussian 2 mark coin converted into a commemorative pin with a bezel, a 1702 French ECU coin converted into a box or compact with a mirror inside. The obverse showed the bust of Louis XV. The final piece was a 1916 silver Bavarian thaler coin made into a 2" box medal containing 24 fold-out color rondelles (scenes) of World War I including battle scenes, artillery, wounded, hospitals, and military figures. The obverse of the basic coin had a bust, left, of Ludwig III with KOENIG von BAYERN around on the obverse and lions holding a crowned coat-of-arms with 1914/16, under.

Drew Michyeta showed the 1906 Italian one unit (lire) representative of a series of coins issued by Belgium, France, Italy, San Marino, Bulgaria, Greece and Lichtenstein intended to serve as a 'trade coin' of known and authentic value for international use. This piece containing 5.00 g of 0.835 silver showed a bust of Victor Emanuel III, right, on the obverse and a heraldic eagle with crown, over, on the reverse. Such pieces were first issued in 1863. There is a corresponding gold series as well.

Dick DeRobertis showed a 1909 S VDB Lincoln cent, a 1943 copper penny said to be a non-magnetic and a coin with the reverse of a wheat cent and an obverse of a 1927 Mercury dime, clearly a magicians coin.

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A series of coins illustrating 'Money of Georgia from 1184-1993' was shown by **Robert Leonard**. The Georgian Kingdom was established about 323 BCE but the first coins of the Georgian kings appeared between 1085-1288. This series was followed by coins under the Mongols (1301-1337) with a new series by Georgian kings between 1360-1469. Then the kingdom was divided among 26 princes and conquered by the Persians. A new series followed in 1717-1783 by Georgian kings under Persian suzerainty. Eventually, the country became part of Russia and the Soviet Union. The pieces included a 4.7 g copper coin of Queen T'Amar (1184-1212) with a c/m of Queen Rusuda (1223-1247), a bisti of Baker, 1717/8, a 400 dinar piece of 1333, and a subway token of Tbilis of 1993 with an 'M' for 'Metro'.

A high relief medal designed by J. K. Loomis as a tribute to Alfred Einstein was displayed by **Harry Flower**. The 82 mm, 7.9 oz piece was commissioned by Harry and shows a high relief frontal view of Einstein with a 'weathered, wise and benevolent face', topped with a 'crown of chaos' (hair). Einstein is depicted in his later years in a jovial and humorous mood. On the reverse in a spiral is an Einstein quotation: "...that which is great and noble comes from the solitary personality". A. Einstein, 1934.

Mark Wieclaw showed two very unrelated sets of material. First were two pieces of German Notgeld 'Sole Money', pieces of leather bearing the outline of the shoe sole which was to be cut from the leather blank and over which was stamped a denomination value. One piece was valued as 50 gold pfennig and the other as 50 mark. Both are from 1923. The second part of the exhibit included two gold Canadian coins issued to commemorate the Centennial of Canada in 1967. The $20 piece was part of the Canadian version of their proof set. A silver coin was substituted in the version sold to Americans. 337,688 sets were sold. The second piece was a $2 1/15 oz Maple Leaf with a non-traditional bust of Elizabeth II. 7,000 pieces were minted. Also available is a 1/20th oz $1 denomination.

Mike Metras concluded the exhibits with an original roll of 1996 D dimes all of which contained gouges to the eye of Roosevelt on the obverse and to the torch on the reverse.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

July 4	Chester Poderski	
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	1981
July 19	Richard S. Hamilton	1986
July 27	David Simpson	1980

IMPORTANT DATES

June 12 - CCC Meeting - Featured speaker: Harry Flower on *The Saga of Gold*.

July 10 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Brian Stubbs, subject to be announced.

July 17-20 - Greater Chicago Coin Expo. At Navy Pier Exposition Center.

Sept. 6-8 - Illinois Numismatic Association's 37th Annual Coin Show and Convention at The Best Western Hotel in Homewood, IL.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

MAY MEETING

The speaker for the evening was **Charles Ricard** who discussed the series of United Nations Anniversary medals issued between 1971 and 1987 and some of the major world events which occurred in each year.

The United Nations was formed on October 24, 1945, taking over all functions of the League of Nations. On October 24, 1970, the U. N. issued a 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal. The obverse depicts the U. N. Headquarters Building in New York and a sculpture reflecting the biblical verse from Isaiah 2:4; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. The words Peace, Justice, and Progress appear in five official languages of the U. N., English, French, Russian, Spanish and Chinese. The reverse shows the U. N. shield with Twenty-fifth Anniversary 1945-1970 around and the words UNITED NATIONS in the five languages. One version of the medal exists for each of the five languages.

After 1970, all medals contain the word PEACE on the obverse and on the reverse, the words UNITED NATIONS in the five official languages together with the U. N. seal and the year. This information will not be repeated. Only changes in the design will be given. All medals were released on October 24th and were minted by the Franklin Mint.

1971 - designed by Philip Nathan, the obverse shows the word PEACE surrounded by a circle of doves. The reverse is as above. Secretary- General U Thant said of this medal "(it) will serve to focus worldwide attention on the paramount aim of the United Nations and the heartfelt desire of all mankind - for peace." The medals were struck in sterling silver proof available to the public and non-proof silver and 25 gold proofs restricted to heads of state and U. N. diplomats.

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1972 - sculptured by the American medallist Ernest Lauser, the obverse depicts a dove holding an olive branch - its wings outstretched as it approaches the earth. The reverse is as above. The medal was struck in gold (25 pieces) proof and non-proof sterling silver for U. N. use and 25,645 sterling silver proof pieces available to the public.

1973 - the medal depicts a dove, carrying an olive branch, in flight against an outline of a world globe. The reverse is as above. The medal was designed by the American medallist Norman Nemeth. Twenty gold proofs and non-proof silver medals were for U. N. use and 33,663 sterling silver proof pieces were available to the public.

1974 - the medal, designed by American medallist James Ferrell, shows a dove carrying an olive branch. Both obverse and reverse central designs have large rays extending to the rim. The medal was available in gold proof, sterling silver proof, silver non-proof and in 18 kt gold and in silver pendant-charms.

1975 - the obverse shows the Tree of Life, designed by American medallist George Connelly. The reverse shows a dove over the U. N. seal and was designed by Richard Renninger. The medals were the usual metals.

1976 - the obverse shows an olive branch in an open hand and the reverse shows the seal in an open hand. The medal was designed by Norman Nemeth.

1977 - the design is of stylized human figures representing people of the world with hands joined in peace. The reverse shows five figures with hands joined. The medal was designed by Ron Hower.

1978 - the medallic design by Daniel Stapleford is a portrayal of the Isaiah quote and shows a figure leaning over a plowshare. The reverse shows the seal over a large plowshare.

1979 - the obverse design shows three upraised hands, each holding an olive branch. The reverse shows a hand offering an olive branch. The medal was designed by Daniel Stapleford.

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1980 - in the foreground is a dove soaring in flight. Five olive branches appear in the background. On the reverse is the seal between olive branches. The medal was designed by Donald Everhart II.

1981 - the medal was designed by Richard Baldwin and shows a jugate man, woman and child holding an olive branch. The reverse shows the same three figures beneath the seal.

1982 - the medal shows a pair of upraised hands cradling the dove of peace. Arrayed on either side are olive branches. On the reverse, hands support the U. N. seal.

1983 - the medal bears a dove with an olive branch. The reverse shows a wreath of doves circling the seal.

1984 - the obverse design is of a soaring dove with an olive branch above the globe. The reverse portrays a dove carrying an olive branch, circling the U. N. seal.

1985 - the obverse depicts a dove soaring high. In the background, the numeral 40 symbolizing the 40^{th} anniversary of the U. N. The inscription THE UNITED NATIONS 1945-1985 is around. The medal was designed by Charles Ross.

1986 - the obverse of the medal shows an Esher series of interlocking doves circled by PEACE in the five languages. The reverse is as above. The design is by Charles Ross.

1987 - the obverse bears a Japanese-like dove of peace over waves. The reverse is as above. The medal was designed by Robert Stein.

During the period of Arabic dominance in the U. N., the inscriptions PEACE and UNITED NATIONS in Arabic were added to the five official languages on the medals of 1985 and 1987. During the 17 years of these peace medals, the U. N. monitored hot and cold war situations in 10.

OUR 929th MEETING

DATE: June 12, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

Enter building at the south entrance of the Dearborn side. Sign in at the security desk and take elevator to 18th floor.

Featured Speaker - Harry Flower on:
The Saga of Gold.

Correction: Exhibitors at the 927th meeting were inadvertently left out of the Official Minutes as printed in the May 1996 Chatter. The following is a correction to those minutes:

Exhibitors - Robert Feiler 1892-93 Columbian Expo Box Medal with 14 color leaflets, 1775 Pennsylvania colonial 5 pound note picturing site of first manned flight in America. Phil Carrigan - 2 gifts from CICF. Charles Menard - 75th anniversary medals plus auction catalogs. Andrew Micheyta - Bahamas $100 silver coin. Bob Weinstein - Himyarite ½ drachms, persian siglos with himarite CMK, and a persian siglos with Brahm CMK. Saul Needleman - Medal of meritorious service of the U.S. Navy and citation. Mike Metras - Striver of essequcibo and demarary, $2 Cook Islands, 10 pfennig Duren Germany, Armenian 1301, Algeria 1240 and Azores 5 pesetas. Robert Leonard Jr. - countermarked bronze coins of the anastasian currency reform 498 A.D. 1 small 40 nummia 2 small 20 nummia 2 large nummia. Harry Flower - Alfred Nobel/Albert Einstein Silver Medal issued 1976 to commemorate 75th anniversary, 1st Hober award (1901) and 55th anniversary of Albert Einstein award (1955), Mark Wieclaw - misc items on US paper money.

Early Auctions
by the
Chicago Coin Club

by: William A. Burd

In the Armand Champa Library Auction Sale - Part II conducted by Bowers and Merena, Inc. on March 23, 1995 a ***Chicago Coin Club Auction List***, dated February 2, 1938, containing 83 lots on a single sheet, was offered for sale. It sold for $280.00 plus 10% buyer's fee. Armand Champa originally obtained this from Lee Hewitt at the same time he purchased Hewitt's personal set of Chicago Coin Club *Bulletins* dated 1936 - 1939.

A second copy of this list was discovered the day after the Champa Sale and was sold in The Money Tree's 23rd mail bid sale on June 24th 1995 for $125.00 plus 10% buyer's fee. They sold a third copy in their 24th mail bid sale on November 18, 1995 for $51.00 plus 10% buyer's fee.

After the Champa Sale collectors of this type of material took a closer look at their holdings and these two copies came to light. It appears the auction lists were inserted into the *Bulletin* at the time they were mailed and were easy enough to locate almost 60 years later. Although more may surface, this remains a scarce piece of numismatic ephemera.

Why this auction was held and how it fits into the activities of the Chicago Coin Club can be answered by reviewing the Club *Bulletins* from that era.

It began in November of 1935 when the Chicago Coin Club issued a pamphlet to commemorate their 200th meeting. Lee Hewitt was Chairman of the Arrangements Committee and no doubt was the author of the pamphlet. Shortly after their 200th meeting it was decided to issue a quarterly bulletin. Following the same format, the first issue of the *Chicago Coin Club Bulletin* was issued in March 1936. Lee F. Hewitt was chairman of the Bulletin Committee and Merril V. Sheldon was editor. It certainly made sense for Mr. Hewitt to be involved since he was an accomplished editor and publisher having the previous year launched his *Numismatic Scrapbook.*

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In the July 1936 issue of the *Bulletin* (Volume 1 No. 2) mention was made that the June auction was a success with 120 lots bringing $156.75. Also stated was "Profits accrued from these auctions go to the "Bulletin Fund" to pay for its publication. A 15% commission is charged for these quarterly printed auctions. The commission charge for the regular meeting auctions is 10%."

It is important to note that the quarterly auctions were 'printed' whereas the regular auctions at each monthly meeting were less formal and simply involved bringing coins to the meeting and showing them to interested members and then conducting an auction during the meeting.

The October 1936 issue of the *Bulletin* (Volume 1 No. 3) was an 8½ by 11 sheet of paper folded in half to create four pages. Pages 3 and 4 consisted of the "October Auction List" announcing the club meeting and auction to be held on October 7, 1936 and a list of 90 lots with brief descriptions and grades. On page two of this bulletin it states: "For a successful Auction Night at least 125 lots are necessary. Your co-operation is needed; both as a buyer and seller - remember, the Bulletin is made possible by these auctions."

The November 1936 issue of the *Bulletin* (Volume 1 No. 4) is six pages long, the last four pages being the December Auction List with 138 lots listed. At some point after this issue, and prior to February 1938 the auction list began to be issued separately by the Auction Committee.

In the November 1938 *Bulletin*, president William G. Rayson wrote an open letter to the members regarding the Bulletin being made possible by commissions from occasional auctions. He stated the burden was on the chairman of the auction committee, Matthew H. Jackson. Rayson states "Cataloging an auction sheet is not an enviable job, but Matthew makes light of it.....".

In the October 1939 *Bulletin* it states "....another of those good auctions will be held at the November meeting. If you have anything to get rid of send it to Mr. Jackson so that it can be put in the catalogue."

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The December 1940 *Bulletin* includes another article by William G. Rayson, at this time a Director of the Club, entitled *Putting on a Coin Auction*. He explains the work done by Matthew Jackson involving receiving the coins, classifying and grading them, deciding where to place them in the auction, and finally typing the list. He then sends it to Mr. Kopicki who in turn has it mimeographed or printed as the case may be and mails it to the members.

From all of this we can surmise the auction list was originally made part of the *Bulletin* during 1936 and 1937. Then the February 1938 auction was printed separate but mailed with the *Bulletin*. And after that it was printed and mailed separate from the *Bulletin*. By 1942 the *Bulletin* became an annual issue and no doubt the auctions were no longer a quarterly event. As more data is made available we will be able to make an accurate list of printed auctions held by the Chicago Coin Club. In the meantime this information should help those who are attempting to collect the Club auctions as well as the *Bulletins*.

The following is a complete list of the *Chicago Coin Club Bulletins*.

Year	Month	Vol	Issue
1936	Mar	Vol 1	No 1
	Jul		2
	Oct		3
	Nov		4
1937	Mar	Vol 2	No 1
	Jun		2
	Nov		3
1938	Feb	Vol 3	No 1
	May		2
	Aug		3
	Nov		4
1939	Feb	Vol 4	No 1
	Jun		2
	Oct		3
	Dec		4

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Chicago Coin Club

Auction List

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1938

AUCTION TERMS TO SELLERS

Club members shall pay a twelve and one-half percent (12½%) commission to the Auction Committee, of all lots, or lot, sold at auction in the Club Room; Non-Club Members shall pay a fifteen percent commission for the same service.

TERMS OF SALE ON THE AUCTION FLOOR

Bids as low as one cent (1c) will be accepted up to and including twenty-five cents (25c); bids as low as five cents (5c) will be accepted from twenty-five cents (25c) to and including one dollar ($1.00); bids as low as ten cents (10c) will be accepted from one dollar ($1.00) up to and including five dollars ($5.00); bids as low as twenty-five cents (25c) will be accepted above five dollars ($5.00). All sales are for cash.

Owners will protect their property by floor bids and in event of award to the vender the customary 10 cents per lot cataloguing fee will be charged.

U.S. HALF CENTS AND CENTS

1. 1832 and 34 Half Cents. Fine. 2 pieces.
2. 1851, 54, 55 and 56 Half Cents. Fine. 4 pieces.
3. 1798 and 1802 Cents. Very Good. 2 pieces.
4. 1803 and 1807 Cents. Very good. 2 pieces.
5. 1808, 17 and 18 Cents. Very good to fine. 3 pieces.
6. 1822 and 25 Cents. Very good. 2 pieces.
7. 1826 and 27 Cents. Very good. 2 pieces.
8. 1828 and 29 Cents. Very good. 2 pieces.
9. 1832 and 34 Cents. Very fine. 2 pieces.
10. 1833 35 and 36 Cents. Very good to fine. 3 pieces.
11. 1838, 40 and 41 Cents. Very good. 3 pieces.
12. 1842, 43 and 44 Cents. Very good. 3 pieces.
13. 1845, 46 and 48 Cents. Fine. 3 pieces.
14. 1849, 50 and 51. Fine. 3 pieces.
15. 1852, 53 and 54 Cents. Fine. 3 pieces.
16. 1855. 56, and 57 Cents. Very good to fine. 3 pieces.
17. 1857 to 64 Cents. Good to fine. 26 pieces.
18. 1864 to 1875 Cents. Good to fine. Including 1870, 71 and 72. 15 pieces.
19. 1879 to 1909 Cents. Very good to fine. 81 pieces.
20. Set of Indian Head Cents on penny board. 1857 to 1909, lacking 1864 L, 81, 86, 94 and 1909 S., Good to extremely fine. 53 pieces.
21. Lincoln Cents. Most all early dates and mint marks. Very good to extremely fine. 38 pieces.
22. 1931-S Mint Lincoln Cents, Unc. 4 pieces. Scott 60c each.

22a. 1893 Columbian Half Dollar. Strictly unc.

23. Set of Lincoln Cents on penny-board, 1909 to 1935 inc. Lacking 1909 S. plain. Very good to unc. 75 pieces.
24. 1892 Columbian Half Dollar. Proof. Very scarce.
25. Misc. Medals and Tokens. 15 pieces. Fine lot.
26. Official Century of Progress Medal. Sold at the Fair for 75c. Unc.

U.S. GOLD

27. 1900 Two and one half gold. Ex. fine.

28. 1903 $2.50 Gold. Ex fine.
29. 1906 $2.50 Gold. Very fine.
30. 1907 $2.50 Gold. Very fine.
31. 1881 $5.00 Gold. Very fine.
32. 1902-S Mint $5.00 Gold Very fine.
33. 1909 $5.00 Gold. D. Mint. Very fine.
34. 1882 $10.00 Gold. Very fine.
35. 1895 $20.00 Gold. Very fine.
36. 1870 Dollar. C. C. Mint. Good to very good. 2 file marks on edge. Scarce.
37. 1872 Dollar. Very good to fine.
38. 1890 Dollar. O. Mint. Very fine.
39. 1891 Dollar. O. Mint. Very fine.
40. 1892 Dollar. O. Mint. Fine.
41. 1921 Peace Dollar. Struck very sharp. Ex. fine.
42. 1922 Dollar. Very fine.
43. 1857 and 58 Eagle Cents. 10 pieces. Also 3 nickel 3c pieces and 1 1860 Liberty Seated Dime. 14 pieces in all. Very good lot.
44. 1866, 67, 68 and 69 Five Cent Nickels. Very fine. 4 pieces.
45. Same.
46. Same.
47. 1875 S. Mint 20c pieces. Very good to fine. 5 pieces.
48. 10 Half Dollar Boards, size 5 x 8. Six boards holding 8 large size half dollars, 4 boards holding 10 smaller size half dollars. Good as new. Sold by Scott at 60c each.
49. 10 Coin Boards, size 5 x 8. 3 one dollar size boards holding 8 coins each, one large size penny board holding 10 coins, 2 2c size boards holding 12 coins each 2 nickel boards holding 12 coins each. 1 half dime board holding 18 coins, 1 dime size holding 28 coins.
50. 1828 Half Cent. 13 stars. Unc. red.

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51. 1892 and 93 Columbia Half Dollar. Ex. fine. 2 pieces.
53. Same.
52. Same.
54. Same.
55. 1893 Columbian Half Dollars. Ex. fine. 3 pieces.
56. Stone Mountain. Ex. fine.
57. 1925 Norse American Medal. Thick planchet. Unc.
58. 1936 Boone. Unc.
59. 1937 Boone. Unc.
60. 1936 Arkansas, P. D. and S. Mint. Unc. 3 pieces.
61. 1936 Cleveland. Unc.
62. 1936 Texas. P. D. and S. Mints. Unc. 3 pieces.
63. 1937 Texas, P. D. and S. Mints. Unc. 3 pieces.
64. Same.
65. 1935 San Diego. Unc.
66. 1936 San Diego. Unc.
67. 1936 Wisconsin. Unc.
68. 1936 P. T. Barnum. Unc.
69. 1936 York County, Maine. Unc.
70. 1936 Swedes of Delaware. Unc.
71. 1936 Lynchburg. Unc.
72. 1936 Oakland Bay Bridge. Unc.
73. 1936 Gettysburg. Unc.
74. 1936 Elgin, Unc.
75. Same.
76. 1936 Columbia, S.C. P. D. and S. Mints. Unc. Scarce. 3 pieces.
77. 1936 Albany. Unc.
78. 1937 Sir Walter Raleigh. Unc.
79. 1937 Oregon Trail Half Dollar. D. Mint. Unc.
80. Misc. 4 large Cents, 2 2c pieces, 6 3c pieces. 1 Half Dime, 6 Nickels. 5 of these nickels without the word cents. Good lot. 19 pieces.
81. 20 Liberty Seated Dimes. 1840 to 1891. Mostly later dates. Good lot.
82. 1835, 1855, 56, 62 and 76 Quarters, 1 20c piece. 1875 S. Mint. Fair to very good. 6 pieces.
83. 1824, 72 and 73 Half Dollars and 1 Trade Dollar 1877. Small name Hodson stamped on obverse. Good to very good. 4 pieces.

1940	Mar	Vol 5	No 1	
	Jun		2	
	Sep		3	
	Dec		4	
1941	Mar	Vol 6	No 1	
	Jun		2	
	Sep		3	
	Dec		4	
1942	Mar	Vol 7	No 1	
1943	(Jan)	Vol 8	Annual	
1944	(Jan)	Vol 9	Annual	
1945	None Published			
1946	None Published			
1947	(Dec)	Vol 10	Annual	
1948	None Published			
1949	(Dec)	Vol 11	Annual	
1950	(Dec)	Vol 12	Annual	
1951	(Dec)	(Vol 13)	Annual	
1952	(Dec)	(Vol 14)	Annual	
1953	(Dec)	(Vol 15)	Annual	
1954	None Published			
1955	(Dec)	(Vol 16)	Annual	
1956	None Published			
1957	(Dec)	Vol 16	Annual	S/B Vol 17

In 1960 a special souvenir booklet was issued for the 500th Meeting.

In 1969 an Annual Bulletin was issued to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Club.

In 1976 an Annual Bulletin was issued to commemorate the Bicentennial.

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Editor's Notes

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Bill,

Thanks for the great article, discussion and compilation concerning the Chicago Coin Club *Bulletin* [published in last month's Chatter]. I wish to add a finepoint for completeness: There is an earlier emission dated November, 1935 which is more simply headed Chicago Coin Club with no mention of *Bulletin*. Lee Hewitt's description of this issue to Armand Champa best defines its status: "The 1935 November (issue) was a trial balloon dedicated to the 200th meeting." Lee included this issue in his bound set of the Bulletin and noted on the spine 1935-1939.

Phil Carrigan

Editor's comment: Thank you Phil for the additional information.

In this issue the Chicago Numismatic Society Bulletins are discussed. Anyone with additional data or comments please write me.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 929th MEETING

The 929th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta III at 7:05 P.M., June 12, 1996. Mr. Michyeta stated that the club was out of speakers medals. A motion was entered on the floor by Carl Wolf that the club purchase a two year supply of speakers medals, the motion was seconded and approved by a majority. Second member reading for Terry Capps and he was accepted as a member. Mr. Michyeta attended the Indiana State show and picked up free kits for Young Numismatists. Mr. Michyeta also called for a committee to oversee the clubs YN program. William Burd and Robert Leonard Jr. are on the committee along with Mr. Michyeta. Joel Reznick is looking for leather money #33, if anyone is in possession of this piece Joel will make it worth your while to sell it to him.

The speaker for the evening was Harry Flower and his subject was Gold.

A motion was entered on the floor to accept Scott Douglas from Toronto, Canada as a member. Mr. Douglas attended the CICF convention.

Exhibitors for the evening were:

Saul Needleman - Jehovah medal of Charles XI of Sweden.

Brian Stubbs - Germen travelers checks, specimens, Cayman Island $1.00 banknote, United Arab Emirates 10 Dirhams Banknote, Paper Money Internet information, and South African Mint Information.

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William Burd - 1975 Holy Year Medal produced by Medallic Art Co. of Connecticut, 18kt Gold 1 oz., #41 of 100 issued.

Robert Leonard, Jr. - Inca Cloth Money(Textile), Circa 1400-1532 with associated reference material.

Mark Wieclaw - Chicago Coin Club memorabilia from the Harry X Boosel collection.

David Simpson - 4 Obsolete banknotes, 1 Russian ruble, 1 numismatic book written by a past CCC President.

Bob Weinstein - Drachma of the Dahae of Choresmia, 2 Dichalkon of Vardanes I of Parthia.

Harry Flower - U. S. $1 note that had been fraudulently raised to $5.00 by taping ends of $5.00 bills on the ends of the $1.00.

Chester Poderski - Presidential set, Numismatist 1943, old Paper clipping.

Robert Feiler - 1936 ¼ Silver Bolivar Venezuelan coin cocktail fork, 1870 French 5 Franc coin knife blade file and scissors, Early 1900's nickel coin holder for (car fare).

Phil Carrigan - Eliasberg auction memorabilia.

Andrew Michyeta - 5 centavos 1897, 10 centavos 1905, 20 centavos 1900.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

JUNE MEETING

Discussions of member's coin exhibits were held to the minimum because of the desire to get out of downtown in case the Bulls won their fourth game over the Sonics leading to street celebrations and possible mayhem.

Continuing the parade of new acquisitions from the CICF, **Saul Needleman** showed a medal from Sweden of 1679 bearing the bust, right, of Charles XI with identifying legend around on the obverse and a crowned altar on which CONSTAN/TIA./1679 on the reverse. Over the crowned altar is JEHOVAH in hebrew within sunrays and a hand out of the clouds left holding an oak(?) and laurel branch. Around is the legend A COELA EST - QUAE DAT PACEM. Around the bottom field are cannons, swords, shields and other implements of war. The bronze medal is 1 11/16 in. in diameter.

The second exhibitor was **Brian Stubbs** who showed a new Cayman Island $1, a 10 dirhem note of the United Arab Emirates and a specimen set of Deutchemark travelers checks, all acquired at the recent Milwaukee show.

Bill Burd showed an 18kt 1 oz Holy Year Medal of 1975 on which appeared the symbols of all the world's major religions with a portrait of Boniface VIII on the obverse. The reverse design was a bust of Paul IV officiating at the opening of the event, The medal was #41/100.

Bob Leonard showed a piece of Inca Cloth money (textile money) from ca. 1400-1532 together with associated reference materials. One article was from a bound volume of Harper's Magazine from 1863 which discussed Inca textiles. It is claimed that available pieces came from mummy wrappings. A second article of 1980 described primitive money of the Inca State often used for tax purposes. Similar textile money was used in Bohemia.

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Mark Wieclaw showed a number of pieces he had acquired recently from the sale of the Boosel collection. These included a CCC 60th anniversary medal dated 1919-1969, two pieces with a 400th meeting counterstamp on Mexican pesos of two different years, a 25th anniversry Lincoln head medal dated 1913-1944 engraved by J. Henry Ripstra, the CCC Medal of Merit presented to Hugh Knight, a past-president of the Club, a Past-Presidents medal presented to William G. Rayson, 1937-1938, examples of the CCC 500th meeting 'barrel' medals which had been issued in bronze, silver and gold. The reverse of these had scenes of the Chicago Water Tower and an overview of Downtown in insets. Other pieces included an example of the 1909 U.S.S. Nashville medal commemorating the first shot fired in the Spanish-American War in original case. This was designed by J. Henry Ripstra for the Chicago Numismatic Society. The final piece was a check made out to Boosel in 1957 for 49 cents on the Lawndale Bank.

Dave Simpson presented four obsolete broken bank notes, one from Rhode Island Exchange Bank, one from the York Bank, one from the Berks County Bank in Reading, PA and one from the Bank of New Brunswick, all in very poor tattered condition, but with evidence of interesting engravings. Dave continued his exhibit with an example of a recent one ruble Russian note which he had converted into his business cards using a rubber stamp. His final piece was a book purchased from his local library as surplus titled "A Simple Guide to Collecting U.S. Coins" written and hand illustrated by Hugh Knight, a past-president of CCC.

Bob Weinstein continued his recent string of presentations of exotic coins with a drachm of the DAHAE of Choresmia. This tribe lived in the area north of Parthia about 300 BCE. This coin showed the bust of King Artera with a legend in Greek. A second piece was a dichalkon of Vardanes I of Parthia (called the Parni - a sub-group of the Dahae). While silver coins of Parthis are fairly common, these pieces were of bronze.

Harry Flower showed a U.S. one dollar bill on which had been pasted the numeral 5 taken from $5 bills to convert the $1 to a $5. This bill had been passed in his drugstore many years ago through one of his clerks.

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Chet Poderski showed a Presidential set of U.S. coins offered by many dealers for $29 plus $3.50 S&H. He advised the Club that he sells these sets for $5 at every CCC meeting. He also brought an invitation to attend the monthly CCC meeting which had appeared in a 1943 issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook as well as an old newspaper clipping from November 29, 1891 advertising old U.S. coins for sale. Chet can always be counted on to bring in old items of numismatic interest from his huge stockpile.

Bob Feiler was the next exhibitor with a 1936 ¼ Venezuelan Boliver coin (0.835 AR) converted into a coin cocktail fork. The coin formed part of the top of the handle. He also had an 1870 French 5 franc coin knife blade file and scissors box set and an early 1900's nickel coin holder perhaps used for carrying car fare.

Phil Carrigan had attended the Louis Eliasberg auction on May 20-22, 1996 and brought in his bidder's card and an 'Admit One' card from the auction.

The last exhibitor was **Andrew Michyeta** who showed three coins of Mexico which had a nostalgic meaning to him. These included an 1897 5 centavos piece which had belonged to his grandfather, a 1905 10 centavos piece which had belonged to his father and a 1900 20 centavos piece of his own. The peculiarity of the pieces was that these three coins are the only ones of the Mexican series which bear the particular eagle design which forms the reverse of these pieces.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Aug 1	Reid J. Geisler	1995
Aug 2	William Swoger	1984
Aug 11	Clifford Mishler	1995
Aug 15	Steven Rodin	1991
Aug 19	Carl F. Wolf	1979
Aug 20	Melvyn Frear	1989
Aug 23	Thomas Michell	1981
Aug 26	Tom Delorey	1984
Aug 26	Donald H. Doswell	1960
Aug 31	Clarence R. Wills	

IMPORTANT DATES

July 10 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Brian Stubbs on *Primitive Money.*

July 17-20 - Greater Chicago Coin Expo. At Navy Pier Exposition Center. We will have a table at this show.

August 14 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Bob Weinstein on *Ancient Indian Coinage.*

Sept. 6-8 - Illinois Numismatic Association's 37th Annual Coin Show and Convention at The Best Western Hotel in Homewood, IL. We will also have a table at this show.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

JUNE MEETING

Drawing on his broad knowledge related to numismatics, Harry Flower spoke on the use of gold through the ages. He laid foundation for his presentation with a description of some properties of gold as a metal. Gold was known to the ancients, one of the earliest examples being the biblical reference to the golden calf. The chemical symbol for gold, AU, derives from its Latin name, aurum. Gold is malleable: it can be beaten into extremely thin sheets: it is ductile: it can be drawn into a wire (1 oz of gold would provide 50 miles of wire); it is one of the best conductors of electricity; and it is non-reactive: it does not tarnish nor react with acids except for aqua regia (mixture of nitric and sulfuric acids). Gold in its native states was illustrated by half a gold nugget (the other half had belonged to Glenn Smedley). In 1994, a total of 73 million ounces of gold were produced world wide of which 18 million ounces came from South Africa.

Using two display tables holding examples of gold items, Harry discussed the uses of gold through the ages. Gold was used to decorate buildings and churches from early times on. Its biggest architectural use was to cover domes of churches. More recently gold has been used architecturally to tint glass to provide protection as heat shields.

About 80% of all the gold in the world not in the form of bullion for monetary transactions is used in the manufacture of jewelry; about 20% is used in the dental field. Small amounts are used in electronics and signs and decoration (dinner ware, bottle closures, etc.). An old use of gold was in the field of medicine during the 1920's and 1930's, as in injectables or solutions. In the field of cosmetics, gold was used in cold creams and nail polishes. The primary cosmetic uses however, were as star decorations for the hair and in the form of plating on jars, bottles and lipstick containers. In textiles, gold was used in lame fabrics and in ribbons, and was rubbed into the surface of leather to produce decorative leather accessories for women's clothing. Gold found application as a plating for ceramics, in sign painting, beads, for coating the edges of books and for book titles and in photography.

Numismatically the first gold coins (actually electrum) were produced by Lydia, now in eastern Turkey. This was followed by coins from Persia, Greece, Rome and then many others. Few legal tender gold coins are produced today, but a number of bullion gold coins are offered from a large number of countries, most noteworthy being the American Eagle, the Krugerrand, the Panda, Sovereign, etc.

The fineness of gold is measured as the ratio of the number of carats divided by 24 carats (the fineness of pure gold). By this measure 10kt gold is 10/24 = .0417 or 41.7% pure. Gold is sold by the Troy ounce which has 31.1 grams compared with 28.1 grams for the avoirdupois ounce. There are 12 ounces in a Troy pound compared with 16 ounces in an avoirdupois pound.

OUR 930th MEETING

DATE: July 10, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

Enter building at the south entrance of the Dearborn side. Sign in at the security desk and take elevator to 18th floor.

Featured Speaker - Brian Stubbs on *Primitive Money.*

CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
AND THE ISSUANCE OF
THE BULLETIN

By: William A. Burd

The Chicago Numismatic Society held their first meeting on January 26, 1904 and over the next several years became very well established. Monthly meetings involved exhibits such as the 1804 Dexter dollar, proof large cents, patterns and early 19th century gold in mint condition. Also, important Papers were being read before many of the meetings. Active members included Virgil Brand, William Dunham, Ben Green, M. P. Carey, G. W. Tracy and others. And, by 1908 the Society felt a bulletin should be published.

The minutes of the 49th meeting held on February 7, 1908 stated "..... The principal discussion of the evening was upon the advisability of publishing "The Bulletin" monthly, at the expense of the society, and distributing it, to members, without charge. All of the members present appeared deeply interested in the project, and directed the Censor to prepare and publish an experimental number, with the assistance of such members as could be prevailed upon to help."

In February 1908 Vol 1, No. 2 of *The Bulletin* was published. On page 15 of this issue an article was written regarding the issuing of a bulletin and the purpose for it. The article included the following observation "..... The object or purpose of a numismatic society should not be alone to institute and encourage study and research in its chosen field, but also to disseminate the information and knowledge which it gathers.....".

In Vol 1, No. 3 of *The Bulletin* dated March 1908 it states in the minutes of the 50th Meeting that "It was determined to issue The Bulletin monthly and an editorial committee, consisting of the President [Virgil Brand] and four members to be selected by him, were placed in charge."

It is important at this time to clarify when the first issue was published. It would seem Vol. 1 No. 2 would logically be the second issue. However, as you can see from the above comments it was the first. The reason it is

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shown as No. 2 is because it was published in February and follows the same format as the Numismatist which continues the page numbering throughout the year and issues numbers 1 through 12 to correspond with each month. Vol. 1 No. 2 of *The Bulletin* begins with page 9 and ends with 16. No. 3 begins with page 17 and ends with 24 and each monthly bulletin thereafter is eight pages long and the page numbering continues. There never was a Vol. 1 No. 1 or pages 1 through 8.

The Bulletin was issued monthly through August 1908 at which point it appears it seized publication and did not surface again until the later part of 1911. Although there is no hard evidence that August was the last issue my library and the American Numismatic Society library includes issues No. 2 through 8 only and no record of an issue No. 9 being published.

In November 1911 the Chicago Numismatic Society issued the *Bulletin.* It consisted of one 6x9 inch sheet printed on both sides. It begins:

> "THIS, then is the BULLETIN, come to life as a result of a motion at the November meeting instructing the Secretary to have printed an announcement of the December meeting and any other matter that might be received by him from members."

The December 1911 issue and all issues after consisted of 2 sheets folded over creating 4 pages measuring 6x9 inches. Each issue had month and year shown, however no consecutive numbering system was employed. Issued monthly from November 1911 until May 1913, it abruptly came to a halt with this announcement on the last page of the May issue.

> "As there seems to be a unanimous disposition on the part of the members to quietly sit by and let "George do it", the editor is of the opinion that this had better be the finis in the way of Bulletins; he fearing he may be unable to get out the usual four pages during dog days without help."

And this indeed was the last issue - until 1914.

In October 1914 the *Bulletin* was issued consisting of 4 pages (one sheet 8 ½ x 11 folded over) with the first page similar to the original Bulletin in February of 1908 and the second page similar to those issued in 1912-1913. The third was a eulogy to Ben Green who died suddenly on January 17, 1914. On page four it states ".....interesting study of roman coins

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which has been carried on in the columns of the Bulletin by Carey will continue in our next." Also on the last page it states "....the Entertainment Committee is willing to edit future Bulletins if the financial part can be arranged."

Apparently the finances were not arranged and the bulletin was not issued again. And in less than a year the Chicago Numismatic Society held it's last reported meeting.

The following is a complete list of the CNS Bulletins.

Year	Month	Vol.	Issue
1908	Feb	Vol 1	No 2
	Mar		3
	Apr		4
	May		5
	Jun		6
	Jul		7
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Editor's Notes

Numismatic News, published by Krause Publications, has a weekly article entitled *Who's Who* which features personalities involved in the hobby of numismatics. Club members Harry Flower and Carl Wolf were both featured recently. Harry's biography in the May 28th issue was very interesting and centered around his Einstein collection. Carl's biography in the July 9th issue also was very interesting and highlighted our Club's activities. This article did a lot toward making people aware of the club's efforts to educate through the primitive money recreations as well as our other programs.

The American Numismatic Society in New York has requested to be put on the mailing list to receive a copy of the *Chatter* for their library. They feel the recent coverage of our Club's history as well as our in depth coverage of our featured speakers and our exhibits should be placed in the library and made available to their members.

The Club had a table at The Greater Chicago Coin Exposition held at Navy Pier in July. Carl Wolf set up a nice display of our educational materials, medals and our book which were all offered for sale. Carl manned the table for two days and Brian Stubbs and Drew each donated a half day. Although there was not a lot of public participation at this show some sales were made as well as several of the Beginners Collector Sets were handed out. It is hard to measure the long term benefits of doing a show of this nature, but I feel it is well worth the effort.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 930th MEETING

The 930th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Andrew Michyeta III at 7:00 P.M., July 10, 1996. A motion was entered to accept the minutes of last months meeting as read. Committee Reports - Robert Leonard reports selling one book in Canada. The Chicago Coin Expo. will be next Thursday through Saturday, July 18-21 at Navy Pier. There will be a $3.00 charge for admission, or you can show a membership from a Numismatic Organization and you may enter for free. As of date we have not sent an African Trade bead to the ANA or ANS. A motion was entered on the floor to submit one to each organization. The motion passed by a majority.

The speaker for the evening was Brian Stubbs and his topic was *Primitive Money; Bride Price.*

Exhibitors for the evening were Carl Wolf, Saul Needleman, Reid Geisler, Joel Reznick, Robert Leonard, Robert Feiler, Harry Flower, Robert Weinstein, Mike Metras, Charles Ricard, Richard Hamilton and Mark Wieclaw. For further details please see Show and Tell section.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Sept 1	Fred K. White	1991
Sept 2	John Wilson	1984
Sept 7	James McMenamin	1975
Sept 11	Leah Klein	1969
Sept 16	Richard J. Sheppard	1977
Sept 18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
Sept 24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
Sept 25	Saul Needleman	1992

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August 14 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Robert Weinstein on *Ancient Indian Coinage.*

Sept. 6-8 - Illinois Numismatic Association's 37th Annual Coin Show and Convention at The Best Western Hotel in Homewood, IL. We will have a table at this show.

Sept. 11 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Bob Leonard topic to be announced.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

JULY MEETING

Carl Wolf began the Show and Tell with a four piece set of medals for the 105th ANA Convention being held in Denver, CO. The obverse of each medal showed a view of Pike's Peak and the reverse showed two miners over the Mint building. A total of 75 attendance medals were made together with 750 attendance ribbons and 125 medal sets in sterling silver. In addition, Carl showed a medallic life member card issued by Florida United Numismatists (FUN).

Saul Needleman presented two unusual medals in bronze representing Genesis and Exodus, the first two books of the Bible. These were intended to be part of a set illustrating the first five books (The Torah) but the production costs exceeded the selling price and the promoters never developed the entire set. Originally available only by subscription, only Genesis appeared, but the existence of Exodus was rumored. Saul told how he came upon the Exodus piece accidentally at the NY Int'l Coin Fair and made a trade with the wife of the dealer. Both medals are of free-form design, one representing creation and the other the parting of the Red Sea. The design extends over the obverse, reverse and edges of the medals.

Reid Geisler illustrated a piece of Chinese 'Hell' money of $5000 denomination. Hell money is burned during funerals and is intended to pay for the comfort of the deceased as he travels to the other world. Reid picked this piece up at the Milwaukee show and was pleased to get it.

Joel Resnick presented a 16 piece collection of commemorative transportation medals having locomotives as their theme. Each piece was produced by local councils of towns in Iowa, generally relating to the Iowa Centennial or Sesquicentennial. Among the piece was a bronze-plated cast piece showing an old type of locomotive, another, from Clare, Iowa, had a diesel locomotive for St, Patrick's Day, a gold-plated cast piece from Otho, Iowa showed a locomotive surrounded by corn stalks. Other pieces were of pewter, pot medal and bronze. Menlo, Iowa was represented by a pinback button locomotive piece.

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Five French feudal coins from the 12th and 13th centuries were shown by **Robert Leonard**. These pieces were used in the kingdom of Jerusalem. To further illustrate how these French coins came to be used in the kingdom of Jerusalem, Bob presented a map of France which highlighted towns joining the crusade of 1239-1241 under Hugh IV of Burgundy. Separately, Bob also showed a holed 1859 peso piece of Guatemala which he picked up at a shop in Halifax for $6 (Canadian) (about $4.50 U.S.) The piece catalogs for $40 VG.

Continuing his ongoing displays of unusual applications of coins, **Bob Feiler** showed a 1907 Liberty nickel 'pop-out' with a patent strap dated 11-22-1904, an 1887 British six pence in a crystal pendent which was a one year issue, and an old clay poker chip on which was a picture of a monkey, a cat and a dog playing cards together with the legend 'stop monkeying'. This piece was made in the 1920's. In addition, he showed a 1956 ANA convention medal trial strike and a Chicago Coin Club bronze medal with a loop so that members could wear the piece.

Harry Flower brought the silver and bronze versions of medal No. 26 in the Millennium collection bearing a portrait of Albert Einstein. The series was begun in 1980 and will be completed 1 December 1999, a year short of the new millennium. The series pictures people who have had a major impact on world society.

Mike Metras presented a recent acquisition, a 40 mm coin of Ptolemy IV or VI minted either 225-205 BCE or 160 BCE. The large bronze piece shows Ptolemy facing right on the obverse and an eagle on the reverse. The planchet centering hole was visible on the obverse.

Oriental exotica was the presentation of **Bob Weinstein** with a piece of northern Chinese pointed knife money minted about 400 BCE from the kingdom of JIN. The pointed type of knife money is less common than the type used as the model for the CCC annual odd and curious give away. He also included a piece of bronze cowry money from the Shang dynasty of China about 1027 CE. Actually, the piece represented only the top half of the shell. Such pieces were made out of bone, ivory, jade, stones, terracotts, various medals, and sometimes of silver or gold-plated bronze.

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Charles Ricard was the next presenter, showing a silver portrait medal issued by the Rochester Numismatic Society as a memorial to John T. Pittman (1913-1996) and the Pittman Memorial Library. Continuing his interest in French numismatics, Charlie also showed a French memorial medal for General Negrier - born 27 April 1788; died 25 June 1848. A portrait occupied the obverse and a legend in a wreath, the reverse. Such pieces were often issued for release at the memorial service for the person pictured. The medal had a ring at the top for connecting to a ribbon.

Richard Hamilton displayed two 1956 stock certificates of the Monon Railroad Line. The railroad began in 1847 as the New Albany and Salem line. In 1897 the name was changed to the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville line and in 1956 to the Monon line. The railroad acquired the latter name from the fact that its Michigan City to French Lick branch and the Chicago to Louisville branch crossed at the town of Monon, IN. Richard stated he always felt a certain mystique associated with this railroad.

The final presenter of the evening was **Mark Wieclaw** who discussed a series of coins from Greenland minted between 1926 and 1944. The original issue of 1926 was of 310,000 pieces of the 25 ore coin. These were later recalled and holed in the center, perhaps to avoid confusion with American coins of similar size. There was also an aluminum bronze 50 ore piece of 1926 and an aluminum bronze 1 kroner of 1956 and a copper version of 1964. A scarce 5 kroner brass piece appeared in 1944. Mark is missing only the 1957 one krone piece. Mark concluded his presentation with three medals from the Harry X. Boosel collection.

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Featured Speaker - Robert Weinstein on *Ancient Indian Coinage.*

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

JULY MEETING

Brian Stubbs presented a very detailed and complex outline of the economics of obtaining a wife among a number of societies in east and west Africa under the general heading: 'Bridewealth, Women, and Reproduction in Sub-Saharan Africa'.

In most of these African societies, marriage is accompanied by a transfer of goods from the family of the groom to that of the bride, each culture recognizing different rules and procedures relating to content, size, rights exchanged, etc. There appears to be no universal definition of bridewealth among these societies. Even the rules governing the transfer of goods from one family to another, while carefully described within each society, vary considerably between societies. Bridewealth may continue throughout the duration of the marriage, even being carried over into the next generation to become a possible bone of contention between sons and even grandsons of the original parties to the union. While the principle of returnability is widely held, what is returnable varies considerably. Certain cattle are returnable with deductions being made for any children born of the marriage, sometimes dependent upon their sex. The value of bridewealth is a function of whether the society is agricultural or pastoral. At least among the latter, large bridewealth payment prevents an accumulation of cattle by any one individual, a desirable feature since household herds must retain a viable size.

Payments generally are greater in the agricultural societies because such societies depend more on the efforts of women suggesting a direct relationship between high bridewealth and the economic role of women. In such societies; only women are responsible for milking cows, for cultivation and for production, storing and consumption of grain.

The size of payments correlates with the number of people expected to contribute to the bridewealth of a man and the number of kin of the bride who will share the bridewealth goods. In some societies, one individual is responsible for payment, while in others kinsmen and friends may contribute, or goods may come from funds controlled by elders of the group.

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Where bridewealth is not large, it is generally kept intact, but where payment is large, it is distributed among several degrees of kinsmen including aunts, uncles, half-cousins, sister's husband and friends. An ideal among several societies is 40 head of cattle. When this is not actually achieved, future calves may be required to make up the deficit, or claimants to the bridewealth may negotiate among themselves for reduced payment of their shares. The bride's mother, father and uncles remain the chief recipients. Females are rarely coerced into a marriage, but women do not have a defined role in bridewealth transactions.

Marriage payments consist mainly of reciprocal exchanges of goods and services; only a small fraction, often only a symbolic part of the payment, is made in cash. For a variety of reasons, the value of bridewealth payments has increased significantly within this century. First, an examination of the steps involved in marriage payments, then a review of the increasing costs.
1. The first stage is 'knocking at the door' to introduce the subject (1bottle of schnapps); 2. Exploratory visit to obtain permission to negotiate (4 kola nuts, 1 bottle of schnapps, 1 gallon of palm wine); 3. Inquiries to obtain girl's consent in public (4 kola nuts, 2 bottles of schnapps, 2 gallons of palm wine, 1 bottle of whiskey, leg and arm of dried bush meat); 4. Marriage ceremony [gifts of the bride's family to the groom's] (4 kola nuts, 4 gallons palm wine, cooked food) - [gifts of the groom's family to the bride's] (8 kola nuts, 24 gallons palm wine, 2 bottles of schnapps, 9 yards of cloth, walking stick, shoes) - [for various members of the bride's family] (salt, rice, washing soap, towels, fish, corned beef, door mats, palm wine, cigarettes, tobacco, oil, yams); 5. Final ceremony (1 gallon palm wine, 8 kola nuts, 6 yards of cloth). The bride's family returns to the bride a significant part of the bridewealth payment in the form of freezers, refrigerators, stoves and, even cars and houses. Cash payments as high as 1,800 Naira were made in 1973.

Between 1900 and 1994, kola nuts have risen in value from 1/28th D or 6 cowries to N5, one gallon of wine from 1/16th D or 60 cowries to N120, a cow from L5 to N12,000 (N100=L20, 1973), and cash payments have gone from 30 bags of cowries to L30 to N30. During this period there have been six currency changes (in Nigeria) beginning with cowries, cows, kola nuts, copper wires, etc. to Nigerian coinage minted by the British, manillas to Nairas. In 1948, the manilla was withdrawn from circulation and 32,000,000 manillas were recovered and exported as metal. The current cost of taking a bride is approximately N11,960 or $1196 (1991).

Numismatic Exhibit
at
First Chicago MBD

Carl Wolf has reported that the numismatic collection of First Chicago MBD is on exhibit. He came across it accidentally while looking for a pay telephone.

The exhibit is about fifty feet long and includes coins, medals and paper money. The coins include some attractive U.S. type sets and a selection of dollar-sized international coins. Their medal selection is primarily dedicated to the Presidential series and Treasury Secretary series issued by the U.S. Mint. One of the past secretaries was a First Chicago officer and his medal is highlighted.

The paper money make up the bulk of the exhibit, maybe as much as two-thirds of the exhibit space. There are examples of colonial, Confederate and fractional currencies, plus large sized bank notes, educational certificates and much more.

In addition, they have five or more cases dedicated to the bank's early history. Selected memorabilia and open ledger books show a selection of the early bookkeeping methods and minutes.

It's worth your time if you're in the area - and if you get friendly with the receptionist, maybe she'll tell you about the $20 bill she has that's printed on one side only!

The exhibit can be seen at the First Chicago MBD, 605 N. Michigan Ave., downtown Chicago. You can find it by making a right turn after taking the escalator to the second floor. Hours are Monday - Friday 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 3 pm.

Comments on Auctions by the CCC

A comment on the excellent article by William A. Burd on "Early Auctions by the CCC", recently published in the Chatter, appears to be in order. Some of the "we can surmise" might well lead to false conclusions and become "revisionist history". For the record, I became a member (#369) of the CCC on November 6, 1940 and in 1965 was CCC Auction Chairman. Since I seldom throw anything away, I still possess virtually everything sent me by the CCC since December 1940.

While Bulletins may not have been published after 1957, nevertheless auctions still were conducted about every 3 months, as can be documented by referring to the CCC Chatter, which began to be published in 1949. Vol. 1 No. 1 announces an auction and is confirmed in Vol 1 No. 2. Initially the auction list was not sent with the Chatter.

When I was Auction Chairman in 1965 the commission schedule was reformed. The reason for the change was that sometimes the return to a member was just about the face value of the coin.

As Auction Chairman I found prices realized to be unfair to those submitting items. My belief was that prices realized should be between what a dealer would pay you and what you would have to pay a dealer. When Coin World became popular, would the "Wanted to Buy" ads establish a credible floor? To me, if it was, it would be a disservice to suggest to CCC members to use the club auction as a vehicle to sell coins. Another factor to be considered was the demographics of our current membership. To check out the reliability of Coin World ads, coins were purchased at the auction with a bid less than advertised. The coins were sent in and the advertised price was received and a profit made.

This resulted in the frequency of CCC auctions to be lessened, and the auction generally became an annual event, where many times the items were donated to the club as a fund raiser.

Hope this adds to the history of CCC auctions.

Charles J. Ryant, Jr.

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Editor's Notes

The day after our August Meeting I went to Denver for the ANA Annual Convention. Although I missed the first few days, I still had time to attend several Club Meetings of which I belong and sat through several of the Numismatic Theater presentations. All were very educational.

I also made a point to view all the exhibits and spent over two hours doing so. A Numismatic Literature exhibit won Best of Show which pleased me greatly. The literature associated with our hobby is extremely important and deserves more attention than it gets.

Of course I spent much time on the bourse floor viewing coins, medals and currency and visiting with dealers and collectors.

I went to the ANA Banquet on Saturday evening and then on Sunday went to the ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs for appreciation day sponsored by Whitman Publishing. It was a great experience. We have a beautiful building, a fine library and an excellent museum and exhibit area.

This is a Numismatic Convention everyone should try to attend at least once and spend several days participating in as much as possible. If you cannot "get away" be patient and in 1999 the Convention will be in Chicago and our Club will be the Host. And that is another story.....

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 931st MEETING

The 931st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:00 P.M., August 14, 1996 by First Vice President Mark Wieclaw in the absence of Andrew Michyeta III. The minutes for last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the Chatter.

Jeff Rosinia is available to work with Cub Scouts as Young Numismatists. Steve Rodin wanted to know what the Navy Pier coin show attendance was. No one has seen any data on that subject. Saul Needleman sends greetings from the Millers'(past club members) from South Africa. Carl Wolf mentioned that member Chuck Menard will auction his numismatic books through Kolbe and his coins through Stacks. A committee for the annual Christmas banquet is needed. Carl Wolf volunteered to lead this committee. President Andrew Michyeta would like to hold a board meeting September 4, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at The Hickory Pit on South Halsted Street.

The speaker for the evening was Robert Weinstein, Jr. and his topic was *Ancient and Indian Coins.*

Exhibitors for the evening were Mike Metras, Mark Wieclaw, Mike Steffens, Terry Capps, Robert Weinstein, Chet Poderski, Robert Feiler, Brian Stubbs, Saul Needleman and Harry Flower. For further details please see *Show and Tell* section.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

(with technical editing by Robert Weinstein, Jr.)

AUGUST MEETING

The speaker for the evening was **Robert Weinstein, Jr.** who discussed the coinage of ancient India from it's beginning until the time of the Moslem conquest.

India's earliest civilization arose on the banks of the Indus river well before 2000 B. C. at the sites of Mohenjo Daro and Harappa. Little is known about this early civilization because the script used has not been deciphered due to the fact that unlike their contemporaries in Sumer and Egypt they left no documents or monumental inscriptions. The only examples of their writing are short inscriptions on stamp and cylinder seals.

About 1500 B. C. Aryan invaders from the steppes conquered this civilization and by 1000 B. C. were in control of all of northern India. The newcomers established several kingdoms called Janapadas. These Janapadas began issuing the first Indian coinage about 600 B. C. The earliest coins were irregularly shaped pieces of silver hammered flat and then punched with a variety of symbols often of a religious nature. The kingdoms issuing these early coins were Kashi, Kosala, Magadha and Avanti. (See Plate 1)

Taxila in the northwest also issued coins about this time. The coins of Taxila were different from those of the Ganges valley kingdoms. These coins were bent silver bars punched with 2 seven armed symbols. Fractional pieces struck on round flans with the same symbol also were made. These coins are often referred to as double sigloi because their weight is the same as two Persian sigloi. This may be intentional due to the close contact with the Persians at this time but the weight is also an even 100 rattis, an Indian measure based on the weight of a seed.

Later (400 B. C.), silver plated copper copies of the Taxila coinage were made by their neighbors in Kuru and Panchala. Examples of both the taxilan original and the Kuru were shown.

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India was united for the first time during the reign of Asoka who ruled the Mauryan empire from 272-232 B. C. Asoka is most famous for converting to Buddism after the bloody conquest of Kalinga on the east coast of India. During the Mauryan period, 324-183 B. C., the punch mark coinage continued. Several examples of these were shown.

In 256 B. C. the Seleucid satrap of Bactria declared independence and by 200 B. C. the Greeks had invaded India. The Greeks held a large part of northern India for about 100 years. The Greek coinage in India was bilingual to accommodate both the Greek and Indian subjects. It was struck in silver and bronze and a few types in nickel. Coins of the kings Menander, Antimachos and Zoilos were shown.

To the east of the Greeks were several small tribal republics which managed to stay independent during the period of Greek rule C.190 - 40 B. C. Coins of two of these republics were shown. Both are shown in the plates. One of these, the Kuninda(See plate 2), struck silver drachms on the Indo-Greek standard. The obverse portrays a deer and a goddess and an the reverse are several religious symbols. These were struck in the 2nd C. B. C. The other tribal republic coin is of the Yaudheya(See plate 3) and it is from a later period, about 190 A. D. It is a Bronze piece and portrays Karttikeya on the obverse and a Yaudheya goddess on the reverse.

By 130 B. C. a new invasion from the steppes broke Greek control in India. These were the Sakas, a Scythian people. They established many small often short lived kingdoms. The Sakas were in turn replaced by the Yueh Chi, an Indo-European people who originally lived in Kansu in China and were driven out after losing a war with their Turkish neighbors the Wu-Sun.

The Yueh Chi established a kingdom Sogdiana about 130 B. C. and by 20 B. C. had established kingdoms in Afghanistan as well. These kingdoms, like those of the Sakas before them were small and short lived. A hemi-drachm of the Yueh Chi of Afghanistan struck by Sapadbizes was shown.

About 5 B. C. one of the Yueh Chi tribes, the Kushana, established a small kingdom which would grow into an empire controlling most of northern India. The Kushan struck coins in silver, bronze and gold. A bronze coin of Kushan was shown and also a terracotta piece which may be a Kushan coin.

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Two kingdoms vied for power to the south of Kushana. They were the Western Satraps, a Saka kingdom, and the Satavahanas a native dynasty ruling in central India. Several pieces of both these kingdoms in silver and bronze were shown. One of these a drachm of the Western Satrap Nahapana, had trilingual inscriptions. These three great kingdoms held power in most of India until about 250 A. D. when the Western Satraps and Satavahanas disappear and the Kushana go into a decline which lasts about another 100 years.

The successor to these kingdoms was the Gupta Empire which once again united India under a single ruler. The coinage of the Guptas was struck in bronze, silver and gold. A silver Gupta coin was shown the style of which was based on Western Satrap coinage. After the fall of the Guptas (c. 500 A. D.) India enters a period where dozens of small kingdoms appear in the interest of time only a few pieces from this period were shown. These include coins from the Hephthalites (white huns), the Pallavas of Kanchi, the Silharas and a large lead coin of the Chutus of Banavasi.

In the south of India in the 1st century A. D. large amounts of Roman coinage came into India via trade and it circulated freely throughout the area. The coins are usually defaced with a chisel mark on the obverse of the coin. Local copies of these coins were made.(See plate 4)

The last great ancient empire of India arose in the south. It was founded by a Tamil people, the Cholas about 900 A. D. The Cholas conquered all of India south of the Deccan, made vassals of several princes of the Deccan, conquered the east coast north to Bengal, conquered Ceylon and occupied for a short time Burma, Sumatra and parts of Malaya. Several coins of the Cholas were shown and included a silver Kahavanu portraying a tiger and two fish beneath an umbrella and a silver ½ Kahavanu portraying a lion.

The last coins shown were of the Ohind Shahis who ruled a kingdom in northern India at the time of the first Moslem invasions (900 A. D.) These coins were the famous Bull and Horseman series. The first of these were struck on broad flans with a good silver content and a fairly good quantity design. Later issues were more debased and the design became more stylized. Eventually the coins were struck from almost pure copper and on flan smaller than the die so that only a portion of the design shows. These coins continued to be struck in parts of India until the 17th century.

KOSALA (CENTRAL INDIA) * KARSHAPANA * SILVER * 600 - 470 BC

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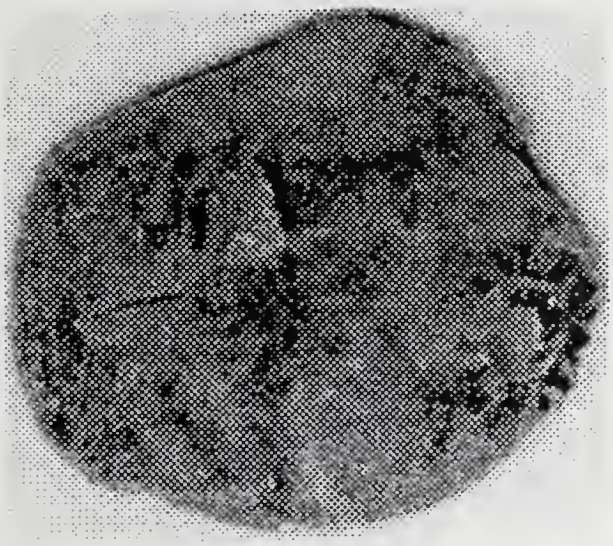

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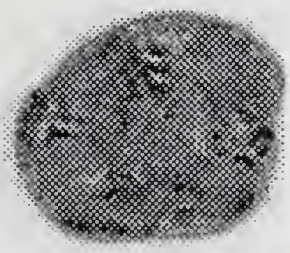

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Plate 1

KUNINDA (North Cent. INDIA) * DRACHM * SILVER * LATE 2nd CENT. BC

Obverse

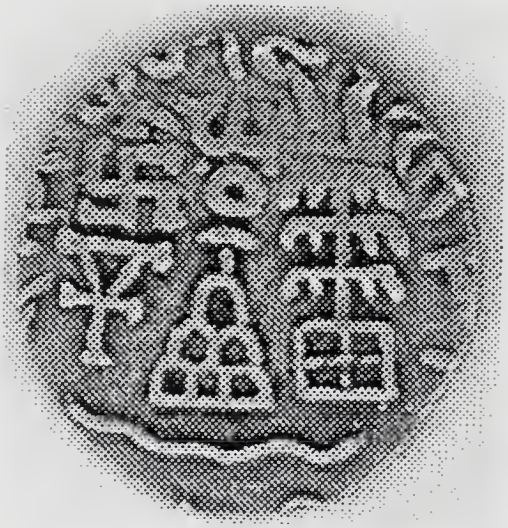

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Plate 2

YAUDHEYA (NORTH CENTRAL INDIA) * BRONZE

Obverse

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COPY OF DENARIUS OF TIBERIUS * SOUTH INDIA * 1ST CENT. A.D.

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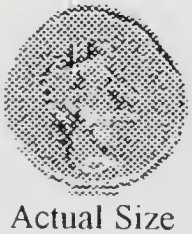

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Featured Speaker - Saul Needleman
Non Judaic use of Hebrew Words on Coins

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Oct 3	Dick DeRobertis	1995
Oct 12	Frank P. Zaylik	1955
Oct 13	Bernard Schwartz	1986
Oct 14	Joel Reznick	1981
Oct 14	Marcella Sheldon	1946
Oct 16	Harry Flower	
Oct 17	Margo Russell	
Oct 19	Phyllis Eisenberg	1968

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

AUGUST MEETING

A series of 12 intentionally created 'errors' on Gallery Mint ANA Seminar tokens was shown by **Mike Metras**. The tokens, designated Pike's Peak Pewters and valued at Tin dollars (sic) were prepared by the Gallery Mint for those attending the ANA Seminars in Denver. As part of the session, a group of tokens was converted into error pieces including a Type I broad struck (no collar), a blank Type II planchet (rolled edge), a brockage and the token from which the brockage was struck, rotated die, double struck, off metal (on U. S. cent and dime) and two strips from which planchets had been punched, one 'double struck' by a U. S. cent.

Mark Wieclaw showed a series of unrelated pieces beginning with two silver Bactrian (Indo-Scythian) coins, one a tetradrachm and one, a cast didrachm, of 40-0 BCE showing a portrait of the king with legends in Greek and in a local Indo-Greek language. During the Civil War, tokens were issued to relieve the shortage of small change. One of the pieces presented was of the store card type with OUR CARD in a wreath on the obverse and LENINGER AND BROTHERS, DRY GOODS, PERU, ILLINOIS, on the reverse. The second token was of the patriotic type with OUR UNION in a shield all in a circle of 13 stars as the obverse and NO COMPROMISE WITH TRAITORS over crossed cannons as the reverse. This piece was struck in nickel and is rated at R-9 (2 known).

Mike Steffens discussed two crown-size pieces from German states. The first, from Saxe-Weimar, was a 5 mark piece commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Jena University with the dates 1606-1906. A total of 40,000 pieces were struck. The second piece was a medal showing the busts of 8 Prussian kaisers of the same family beginning with Frederick I to Wilhelm II. These busts in small circles surrounded a larger bust. The dates 1701-1918 are given. On the reverse was the so-called Type III eagle used on German coins between 1792-1809. This may be a private issue but no further information was available at this time.

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Additional output of the Gallery Mint was illustrated by **Terry Capps**. He showed two copies of the U. S. Chain Cent and a Gallery $1 Concept Dollar. One of the Chain Cent pieces had the word 'copy' on the obverse, the other, on the reverse. These are part of a series of reproductions of early U. S. coins produced by the Gallery Mint. The Concept Dollar is slightly larger than the Susan B. Anthony and Canadian dollars. It was edge marked - E PLURIBUS UNUM - IN GOD WE TRUST.

Bob Weinstein continued the theme of his evening program by presenting several coins of SRIVAJAYA in Java. The first was a piece of bullet money, reminiscent of the Siamese types, of the 10th century stamped with the character 'NAH' frequently appearing on coins of Srivajaya. Two others pieces, of the 7th century, had sandalwood punch marks as their design. Three base metal pieces (one was silver plated) were from the 11th century when Java had a fleet of very large ships (larger than the Columbus vessels) which was destroyed by a fleet of the Kola (Tamil) tribe of Ceylon. This event in Asia had the same effect as the destruction of the Spanish Armada in Europe. The final coin was a ¼ unit gold piece issued by the sultan of MAKASSAR in the Celebes Islands in the 1500's.

Chet Poderski presented a series of 15 goldine medals in a custom Lucite case showing portraits of members of the Osage Indian Council. Ferdinand Rebuchini of Park Forest was the sculpture of the medals. One of the medals depicts R. G. Pfister who was Superintendent of the Osage Indian Agency between 1954 and 1958 as well as a member of the CCC. The Osage Indians were removed from Kansas in the last century onto 400,000 acres of land in Oklahoma purchased for them by the government at $.70 per acre. When oil was discovered on that land, each member of the Osage tribe received $384 shares the first year. In 1925, each member received $13,200.

Bob Feiler presented four new additions to his eclectic collection. The first was a Barber dime (XF) very high relief popout converted into a ring. The second was a Black Hawk (Medallic Art) medal carrying the dates 1899-1973 with the bust of Black Hawk on the obverse and with a view of Mt. Rushmore Presidential Memorial in high relief on the reverse. The next piece was an obsolete $5 bill from the Bank of

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America, NY, dated June 1, 1867. The banknote was secured by the pledge of public stock. The note was printed by the American Banknote Co. The final piece was an 1820 Mexican 8 real double overstrike on an 1812 8 real of Chihuahua. The piece was struck such that one side had the reverse of the 1812 on the obverse of the 1820 while the other side had the reverse combination.

A series of recently acquired banknotes was shown by **Brian Stubbs**. The first was a 50 gourdes (high denomination) note of Haiti with serial #AA000101. Next was a 5 piastre note of Egypt dated June 1, 1918 (early date) with a radar serial number. An early note from Afghanistan for 10 puli had the reverse legend in French and Arabic. The final pieces were State Bank of India Specimen Traveller's Cheques of 200, 500 and 1000 rupees.

A gold ducat of 1928 from the Netherlands East Indies was shown by **Harry Flower**. The coin struck as a trade piece was of 0.986 gold, had a standing figure on the obverse and a legend in a square on the reverse. The piece had an unusual oblique reeded edge. Similar edge markings were used on coins of England in the 1820's to foil counterfeiting.

The final display was by **Saul Needleman** who discussed the founding and output of the Dahlonega mint in Georgia, site of the first major gold find in the United States. The town was founded in 1828 as a result of the gold find and a branch mint was established there in 1837 following the removal of the Cherokee Indian population via the 'Trail of Tears" in 1835. Of the more than 2 dozen mines which operated originally, only three still produce gold commercially. Two placers are open to tourists. The branch mint became a Confederate Assay Office during the Civil War and it burned down in 1878. The building was rebuilt as the administrative offices of Northern Georgia College and later became the Lumpkin County courthouse. Today the building serves as the Gold Museum and houses one of the few complete collections of Dahlonega mint gold coins, including 6 $1 pieces, 7 $2 ½, 20 $5, 1 $10 and 25 $20 types. Also shown were two small rocks containing gold and several minerals found in the area.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6-8 - Illinois Numismatic Association's 37th Annual Coin Show and Convention at The Best Western Hotel in Homewood, IL. We will have a table at this show.

Sept. 11 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker: Saul Needleman on *Non Judaic use of Hebrew words on coins.*

Oct. 9 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker Bob Leonard topic to be announced.

Oct. 18-20 - Milwaukee Numismatic Society Coin Show at Milwaukee Convention Center.

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.....The time has long gone by when coins of fine quality, excepting in rare instances are picked up in ordinary circulation, and the young collector of to-day must be a man of means if he intends to form a *fine* collection of American coins. He can no longer obtain his rarities in the money drawers of the provision dealers, in the market house, or at the toll houses on the old bridges and turnpikes, and New York and Connecticut cents are no longer discarded by the worthy dealers in our old New England towns.....

A excerpt from *"Old Coins and New"* by John Robinson in the *American Journal of Numismatics*, Volume XXV, No. 2, dated October 1890.

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Editor's Notes

At the September board meeting a Nominations Committee was selected consisting of Dr. Saul B. Needleman (Chairman), Robert Leonard, Jr., and myself. The purpose of this committee is to issue a slate of officers to be voted on by the membership at the December meeting. If unopposed, this slate of officers will begin their duties in January.

However, all members have a say in who our officers are. Our constitution stipulates "Any five members, in good standing, may, at the December meeting, file in writing with the secretary, nominations with consent to serve, for any of the elective offices. Election of officers shall be by written ballot if there is more than one nominee for any one office. All classes of members shall have the right to vote, except junior members. At the December meeting those regularly nominated and receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. They shall assume office after being installed at the next regular meeting in January."

The Nominations Committee will bring the membership up to date at the October meeting and will issue a final slate of officers at the November meeting. In the meantime feel free to discuss your recommendations or suggestions to this Committee.

And, speaking of December, remember to leave the evening of December 11th open so you will be able to attend the Annual CCC Banquet.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 932nd MEETING

The 932nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:00 P.M., September 11, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta. A motion was entered to accept last months minutes as read. The only guest for the evening was **Robert Valone** who also applied for membership. His first reading was performed and a motion was entered to accept his first reading. No club members objected to his applying.

Committee Reports - Carl Wolf for Robert Leonard, Jr. Quite a few items were sold at the ANA.

Nominating Committee - Saul Needleman will give a full report at the next meeting. At the ANA in Denver this past summer the Lifetime ANA Award went to **Charles Ricard.**

The speaker for the evening was **Saul Needleman** on *Non Judaic use of Hebrew Words on Coins.*

Exhibitors for the evening were Reid Geisler, Mike Metras, Harry Flower, Charles Richard, Robert Weinstein, Saul Needleman, Mark Wieclaw, Jeff Rosinia, Chester Poderski and Paul Hybert. For further details please see *Show and Tell* section.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The speaker for the evening was **Dr. Saul Needleman,** who presented a discussion on *The Non-Judaic Use of Hebrew Words on Coins of the World.*

A brief background was introduced on the use of Hebrew on coins through the ages, beginning with the use of Hebrew to identify the High Priests as heads of the community in ancient Judaea under the Hashmoneans beginning about 165 BCE and continuing through the herodian period and the time of the First and Second Wars Against the Romans ending in 135 CE at which time the coins bore inscription dealing with Jerusalem the Holy, The Redemption of Israel and For the Freedom of Jerusalem. Some coins of the late Hashmonean period and of the Herodian and post-revolt times were bi-lingual in having Greek inscriptions together with the primary Hebrew legends.

Modern use of Hebrew on coins occurs on the pieces from Palestine under the British mandate and coins of the independent State of Israel. All coins of Palestine and Israel are tri-lingual in having English and Arabic legends together with the Hebrew.

Beginning about 1100 CE and continuing well into the 13th century, the Piast dynasty of Poland and the Arpad dynasty of Hungary issued commercially used coins in which Hebrew words or letters formed part or all of the design. As early as 1063, Anastasia of Hungary appointed Jews as mintmasters and permitted them to issue their own coins at the royal mint for general use. These silver obols contain the Hebrew letters 'alef' (Altman), 'chet' (Henoch), 'fay' (Ferdman), 'shin' (Samson), 'tet' (Theka) and 'tsadik' which represent the initial of the name of the mintmasters at the time. Such pieces continued under Andreas (Andrew) II, Bela IV (1235-1270) and Stephen V (1270-1272).

In Poland, wars between the local king (prince), baron and bishop resulted in the appointment of Jews to royal offices and as heads of the royal mints. Coins issued under Mieszko III (1173-1209) and Casimir (1177-1181) contain extensive legends in Hebrew, generally of a religious nature: Bracho Tova (blessed times), Bracha Kosher and Rabicho Ami (my nation is numerous). Other legends were of a joyous nature: Mazel Tov and Rov Tov (good times, happy times). Still another series deals with greetings to the king: Behar Galach (the first prince) and Bracha Kashi (blessings on Casimir).

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The last and main group of coins bearing Hebrew resulted from the Thirty Years War. The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) was the last and greatest of the religious wars, beginning in the 1520's, kindled by the Swiss (Calvinist) and German (Lutheran) movements to reform the stifling and repressive catholic form of Christianity which had evolved up to and including the Dark Ages. It was also the first in the series of world wars which were to follow over the next 300 years. While essentially a religious phenomenon, the Thirty Years War was a series of isolated battles fought at different times, in different locations for a number of reasons and it soon degraded into a struggle for economic control over trade on the Baltic sea and the resulting power it provided. The war was fought by Denmark, Sweden, France, the Low Countries, the Spanish and Austrian Habsburgs, England, Italy and the German Hanseatic cities. Ultimately, more than half the population of Europe was killed as a result of the religious and economic battles which were fought.

Common to each of the combatant countries, each issued coins on which the word JEHOVAH in Hebrew, surrounded by sun rays and clouds, appeared on the obverse over the bust of the king or a view of the issuing city. This was intended to assure the inhabitants that, in all of our battles against our enemies, God was on our side. The Hanseatic cities issued 1, 2, 2 ½, 3, 4 and 5 taler pieces, in silver, showing elaborate scenes of cities or are of an allegoric nature, but all claiming Jehovah. With time, the designs became more commemorative, often honoring Luther and the 100th anniversary of his Theses. Christian IV of Denmark made use of his personal motto based on a biblical inscription: God is a Righteous Judge, in which Gods name was given in Hebrew and the remainder of the legend given In Latin. In his diary he wrote, 'As a Dane, I speak Danish to my people. In the church, I speak Latin, but when I speak of God, I use God's language, Hebrew'. Under Gustavus Adolphus II of Sweden, Jehovah in Hebrew appears behind the alters in many churches. All commercial coins of Charles IX of Sweden carry the word Jehovah in Hebrew over his portrait.

By the end of the war, common people began to use Jehovah on wedding medals, birth medals, anniversary medals, school prize medals, jetons, etc., always with the claim that they had God's blessings. More than 1000 coin, medal and token types are known using Jehovah in Hebrew as part of their design. While the large silver shautalers of the Hanseatic cities are very expensive, the more difficult pieces to find are the small change coins of this type that were issued during the period.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Nov 5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
Nov 5	Michael Steffins	1995
Nov 8	Brian Heil	1981
Nov 9	Tom Ryan	1960
Nov 11	J. Vincent Swift	1991
Nov 19	Richard Peterson	1962
Nov 24	Jefferey Bernberg	1975
Nov 27	Robert Feiler	1994

OUR 933rd MEETING

DATE: October 9, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

Enter building at the south entrance of the Dearborn side. Sign in at the security desk and take elevator to 18th floor.

Featured Speaker - Robert D. Leonard, Jr. on *M. A. Abrahams and His Tokens.*

Mark Wieclaw discussed four Roman coins, each seemingly of no great interest, but each actually quite unusual. The first was a denarius of Crispina (177-192), wife of Commodus dated by IMP and COS dates and TRP 33 which can not refer to Commodus but to her father-in-law, Marcus Aurelius. Thus the piece has the wrong reverse design. The next two pieces were fourees, one a Roman Republican piece and the second of Septimus Serverus. The final piece was a bronze denarius showing the sons of Severus, with Caracalla on one side and Geta on the other. The piece may be the core of another fouree with the silver coat missing.

Robert Weinstein continued with his collection of Indian coins showing two bronze pieces of the kingdom Vijayanagar, one from about 1440 CE and the other from 1500. Both show a prancing horse but the latter is degenerate. The next piece was a uniface gold pagoda of the Pageant kingdoms which followed the fall of Vijayanagar. The piece shows Vishnu. A bronze square coin of Ujjain during the Sunga period. The obverse showed a bull and the reverse had a Ujjain symbol which appeared on coins of central India for over 500 years. The final piece was a lead piece of the Bodhis of about 400 CE. The uniface coin was about 3 mm in diameter.

Saul Needleman showed a 1944 P Jefferson nickel struck on a dime planchet. The piece is about half as thick as usual and the outer legend is about half off the planchet.

Jeff Rosinia displayed the Franklin mint series 'The Centennial Car Mini-Ingot Collection' of mini silver bars (about the size of a commemorative stamp) showing obsolete and old model automobiles in detail.

Paul Hybert showed an unusual U. S. silver dollar of 1799, rated as F15, on which a die clash occurred resulting in the denticles only on the left side of the obverse being struck by the denticles of the reverse side. The coin also showed evidence of many die cracks. He also showed the 1997 ANA convention token and a schedule of future ANA meetings. The 1999 and 2002 meetings will be held in Chicago.

The final presenter for the evening was **Chet Poderski** who presented a set of bronze medals honoring the centenary of the Petroleum Industry (1853-1959). Each piece showed the logo of an oil company in existence during that period. Of the companies listed, only Phillips 66 still exists. Chet also showed a special set of one oil company medal in eight different finishes, He concluded with another set of bronze medals showing the official seals of the five 'civilized' Indian tribes in Oklahoma.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Dr. Saul B. Needleman

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The first exhibit was a large cent of 1852 found by **Reid Giesler** using a metal detector. The coin showed signs of ground corrosion but no significant wear. He also showed an 1815 UN DECIME necessity piece from the Strasbourg mint of France. About 1.2 million pieces were made in the name of Louis XVIII after Louis XVI and Louis XVII were beheaded.

Harry Flower showed a collection of U. S. coins in various outer ring shapes to illustrate that the outer ring may be other than round or horse-shoe shaped. The group included a 1961 1 cent within an aluminum square, and two 5 cent pieces, one within an aluminum and one in a bronze square ring. Each of these had the typical 'Keep me never go broke' slogan. Others included a 'Good for $2' bell shaped 1 cent of 1948 with the 'Never go broke' slogan, a 1922 1 cent in a serrated ring from Cicero, IL, probably intended to serve as a screw driver, three with 1 cent pieces (1909, 1923 and 1975) in potty rings, two of aluminum and one of pewter. The last of these had a 'Go way back and sit down. Never get caught short' slogan and a pot full of money. Two final pieces were teddy bear shaped, one with a 1909 Indian head cent and the slogan 'Teddy Bear Bread' and 'I am your mascot', the other, a 1985 cent with 'Good when caught short' slogan.

Mike Metras continued his illustration of Gallery mint replica issues showing a dollar piece of 1796. He also showed two Israeli State Peace medals. One, a 200 lirot proof issued for the 1980 treaty with Egypt and the other, a 1 new sheqel of 1995, for the treaty with Jordan. His final piece was a two new sheqel piece of Israel illustrating the ancient Hebrew alphabet and a Hannukiah (menorah). He informed the members of the forthcoming Elgin Coin Club Show on 27th of October.

Also following up on previous show pieces, **Charles Ricard** showed a funeral token medal of Empress Josephine who died in 1814. She was born in 1753 in Martinique and divorced Napoleon Bonaparte in 1810. His second display was the 1996 ANA Lifetime Achievement Award presented to the Lighthouse-Ricard family, the first time the award has been given to a family instead of to an individual.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 9 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker Robert D. Leonard, Jr. on *M. A. Abrahams and His Tokens*

Oct. 18-20 - Milwaukee Numismatic Society Coin Show at Milwaukee Convention Center

Nov. 13 - CCC Meeting - Coin Auction

Dec. 11 - Annual CCC Banquet
Election of 1997-1998 Club Officers

Jan 8 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - To be announced

Feb 13-16 - Chicago International Paper Money Exposition.
CCC Meeting Feb 15 at Show

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April 4-6 - Chicago International Coin Fair
CCC Meeting April 5 at Show

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Here is an advertisement for a holder which is quite similar to those used by PCGS, NGC, ANACS and PCI. This holder includes an item number, the date of the coin, the coin type, and the owner.

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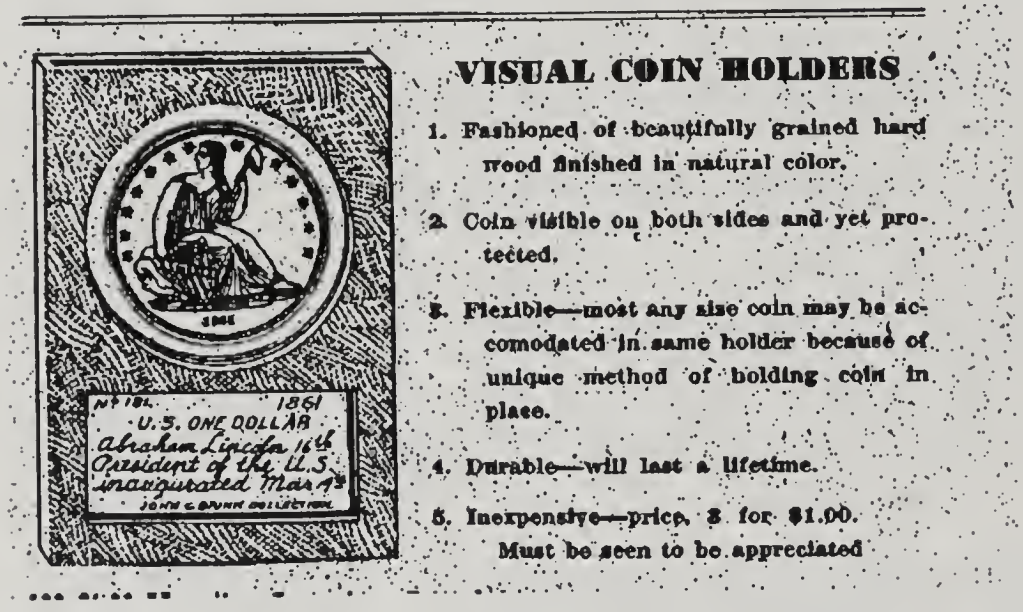
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November 1996

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** WE LEARN BY TEACHING **

Editor's Notes

The November meeting will feature our annual auction. This year will be exceptional because club member Frank Zaylik is selling over 50 pieces of Club memorabilia and related items. Enclosed with this Chatter is a list of items to be sold. It is only a partial list because some prospective sellers have not furnished me with a list of items they wish to auction off. All items may be viewed at the November meeting prior to the auction. Many of the Frank Zaylik items are pictured on pages 361 to 364 in *Perspective in Numismatics* a CCC publication dated 1986 and surely owned by every club member.

Our December meeting will be at the Hickory Pit and will feature our Annual Banquet, election of officers, and best of 1996 show and tell. If you have not made reservations yet contact Carl Wolf ASAP. Don't miss out on a promised good time. More details inside.

1997 is fast approaching and much work has been done to insure some interesting talks. Already lined up are Herb and Martha Shingoethe, Ian Marshal, William Spengler and Anthony Swiatek. Details are elsewhere in this Chatter under "Important Dates". Carl Wolf is in charge of this program. If you wish to speak or know someone who does see Carl.

At the October meeting Harry Flower announced that he was moving to Colorado and although he will remain a member will be unable to attend meetings. Many friends gave testimonials and we had cake to honor him. We will all miss Harry, his talks, his exhibits, his knowledge and most of all his friendship.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 933rd MEETING

The 933rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:00 P.M., October 9, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta.

Corrections for last months minutes: The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Mark Wieclaw.

Committee Reports:
Robert Feiler reported on upcoming CPMX show. Krause publications is more than happy to join the CCC in sponsoring the give away for the show in 1997. The piece will be uniface. A motion was entered on the floor for the CCC to produce three notes, one bank, 1852 Bank of Chicago with the same quantity produced as last year. The motion passed.

Saul Needleman; Nominating committee reported for 1997 - 1998 officers: President-Mark Wieclaw, First Vice President-Carl Wolf, Second Vice President-Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer-Richard Hamilton, Archivist-Phil Carrigan, Board of Directors-Mike Metras, Robert Feiler and Jeff Rosinia and Editor-William A. Burd.

Carl Wolf reported on the annual Christmas banquet. It will be held at the Hickory Pit Restaurant at 2801 S. Halsted. The price will be $21 per person. Ribs and Chicken will be the main course, and there will be no bar service. This motion was entered on the floor and passed. Members requested White Zinfandel. The cost will be incurred per each open bottle at dinner. Only members drinking will pay.

This is Harry Flower's last meeting for a while, as he will be leaving to move to Colorado. The majority of the members stood and said words as to why they will remember Harry and how thoughtful he is and always willing to help a fellow collector. Harry said that he is glad to be a member of the CCC. He has been one since 1927 and said he will not forget that Glenn Smedley got him started as a collector. He has been to approxametly 90% of the meetings and said he appreciates the friendly people and all the knowledge he has gained. He will miss everyone.

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Speaker for the evening was Robert Leonard, Jr. on A. M. Abrahams.

Bill Swoger read a short history regarding William Henry Haskell heroically putting out a fire at the south side church during the great Chicago fire and probably saving the south side from burning down. Swoger also advised the members Mayor Daley had declared today "William Henry Haskell" day.

Bill Swoger made a motion that if he makes a medal honoring William Henry Haskell and includes on one side mention of "Chicago Coin Club 933rd Meeting" would members buy it.

It was moved to take up at next board meeting.

New Members:
First reading for Nicholas J. Weiss and Second Reading for Robert Valone.

Exhibitors for the evening were Reid Geisler, Bob Feiler, Saul Needleman, Nick Weiss, Robert Leonard, Mark Wieclaw, Charles Menard and Robert Weinstein. For further details please see *Show and Tell* section.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

The Chicago Coin Club's Annual Banquet will be held Wednesday, December 11th. The site this year will be the **Hickory Pit Restaurant,** 2801 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60608. Cocktails begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. After dinner there will be a short program entitled *"Best of 1996 Show and Tell"*.

The dinner will be served family style. The menu includes: French Onion soup, tossed salad(with choice of dressing), B.B.Q. Ribs (house specialty), fried chicken, mostaccioli in meat sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter and for dessert, Italian lemon ice.

We will have our own room and White Zinfandel Wine will be available for $2.50 a glass. For those who prefer something else, the bar is just a short walk.

The cost will be $21.00 (checks are to be made payable to the Chicago Coin Club) and reservations are required. Since this is not in the immediate loop area, the club will be reimbursing any cab rides from the loop to the restaurant. Arrangements will be made to get everyone back to the train stations or their homes.

Call Carl Wolf at 773-878-8979 with your reservations and questions. Mail your checks to the Club at P.O. Box 2301, Chicago IL 60690.

Submitted by Carl Wolf

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 13 - CCC Meeting - Coin Auction

Dec. 11 - Annual CCC Banquet
Election of 1997-1998 Club Officers - Best of 1996 *Show and Tell*

Jan 8 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Herb and Martha Shingoethe on *"Obsolete Bank Notes"*

Feb 13-16 - Chicago International Paper Money Exposition.
CCC Meeting Feb 15 at Show - Featured Speaker - Ian A. Marshal

Mar 12 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - To be announced

April 4-6 - Chicago International Coin Fair
CCC Meeting April 5 at Show - Featured Speaker - William Spengler on *"Cowrie Shells of the World"*

May 14 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Anthony Swiatek, Topic to be announced.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

By Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

OCTOBER MEETING

The program for the evening was a discussion of the tokens of Abraham M. Abrahams by **Robert Leonard.**

Abrahams was a merchant who issued two similar types of tokens between late 1853 and November 1854. While an elaborate amount of material was provided to lay the background for these two tokens, several important questions were raised and the answered by Bob. First among these was the question of just who Abrahams was. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1809 and married Phoebe (English or Dutch) when he was about 20. In 1840 he was listed as having the occupation of 'waterman', meaning that he ran a water taxi on the Delaware River between Philadelphia and Camden, NJ. About 1846 the Abrahams lived in New York but in 1847-1850 they moved to Missouri. They had several children in New York and several more after moving to Missouri. Independence, MO served as a starting point for a number of todays famous trails including the Santa Fe Trail, the Old Spanish Trail to Los Angeles and the Oregon Trail to Astoria, OR. At various times, Abrahams was listed simply as being a merchant in the 1850 census, as being in the tobacco business in St. Louis in 1851, and as owner of The People's Outfitting Store in Independence in 1852. He also served as an outfitter for people going to San Francisco and sold merchandise to Mexico. By 1854 he moved up the Missouri River to Westport, MO where he had two stores together with one in Independence.

After entering into a number of real estate ventures he was listed as having a good credit rating as late as 1853, but after that he began to have difficulty in obtaining credit, particularly after taking on a partner, A. Rosentahl. By the end of 1854, he had difficulty raising money to pay off his debts and the companies dissolved, though he still promised to pay off all debts. He engaged in various small businesses in St. Louis until he retired in 1868 at age 57-58.

The two token types have a similar obverse showing a bust of George Washington, right, with the legend M. A. Abrahams over and 10 under the bust. The reverse has People's Outfitting Store around the upper half, the name of the store town, Independence or Weston, curved in the center and MO below. The tokens generally are not of high quality and indicate deterioration of dies. The weight varies between 8.3 and 9.5 g, with 8.09 g, the lowest.

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The thickness of the planchets vary as does the diameter. The pieces were not struck in a collar and the reeding was applied first to the planchets. Because of their poor quality, it is assumed that the pieces were not made by the leading token markers of the period and it is assumed they might have been made in St. Louis. They presumably were issued for use as small change in local trade (10 c) but they also might have been given to emigres in St. Louis for use when they came to Independence or Weston.

Bob suggested that the pieces are listed as M. A. Abrahams instead of A. M. because inexperienced die sinkers reversed the initials in laying out the design. He also suggests that since Weston was a very small village far from Independence while Westport was a center of outfitting activity, Weston was placed on the tokens in error instead of Westport. From the fact that 100-150 pieces still exist, it is assumed that as many as 500-1000 (face $50) might have been issued originally.

Nominations

The Nominations Committee, headed by Dr. Saul B. Needleman, has issued a slate of officers. They will be voted for on December 11, 1996. Nominated for election are Mark Wieclaw for president, Carl Wolf for first vice president, Brian Stubbs for second vice president and Mike Metras, Jeff Rosinia, Robert Feiler and Andrew Michyeta III for governor. The committee suggested the following for non elected posts: Richard Hamilton for secretary/treasurer, William A. Burd for *Chatter* editor and Phil Carrigan as archivist.

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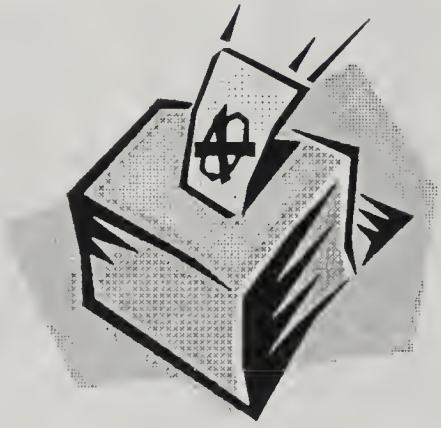

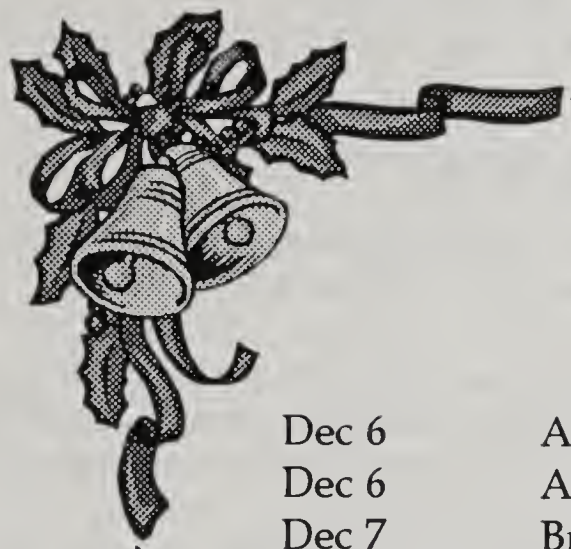

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Dec 6	Albert F. Ivan	
Dec 6	Allen H. Meyer	1960
Dec 7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
Dec 9	Howard Eisenberg	1963
Dec 10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
Dec 17	Allen E. Schecter	1984
Dec 18	Paul K. Johnson	1994
Dec 19	Bill Grundy	1980
Dec 31	Philip J. Carrigan	1989

OUR 934th MEETING

DATE: November 13, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
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There will be no featured speaker due to the Membership Benefit Coin Auction.

SHOW AND TELL CORNER

By Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

OCTOBER MEETING

In honor of the cake and testimonials for **Harry Flower** who is leaving the area, all *Show and Tell* displayers shortened their presentations.

The first presenter was **Reid Geisler** who showed a 1996 ½ oz gold eagle coin. This coin is the first prize in a raffle to be held by the Oak Park Coin Club. Raffle tickets were made available after the meeting.

Bob Feiler showed a $5 Antarctican paper money note issued by the Overseas Office of the British-American Bank Note Company (BABNC). This note, part of a series, depicted landscape view of the Antarctica and contained a color hologram on the obverse upper left corner. Since the Antarctica cannot be claimed by any other country, the authority for issuing these notes is an entrepreneurial action by BABNC. The presentation continued with a 1748 1 real Spanish Colonial coin (country not identified) mounted to a French Cuff stud, and a 1859 Canadian large cent punched out (domed) to create a touch piece.

Saul Needleman presented a silver fractional obol (weight 0.10 g) from Gaza of the year 210. The piece has the same Athena obverse and Owl reverse as is seen on the Athenian owl tetradrachm of Attica which served as an 'international' trade coin at that time. The fractional obol was made on the same standard as the Attican piece so that it would be widely accepted in trade in North Africa and the Middle East. So that the design could be seen better, an Attican drachm of this series was included along with a U. S. cent for size comparison.

Nick Weiss showed a 1962-D Lincoln cent with lamination occuring just over the date. The lamination had become detached from the rest of the coin but it was retained and was shown with the exhibit.

A cast counterfeit 1973 U. S. Washington 25 cent piece was exhibited by **Robert Leonard** together with an article from Numismatic News discussing this find.. This piece was obtained in 1995, but at least one other piece has been reported recently. Also included in the presentation was a notice form the International Numismatic Commission Newsletter noting the CCC sponsorship of the symposium at the Sheraton. An item from the N. Y. Numismatic Club reported the encore presentation by David Vagi to that club of his address on the coinage of Brutus originally given at the Symposium in Chicago.

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Mark Wieclaw presented ten coins given to him by a friend. The coins were contained in a carved silver wood match holder marked 'Chicago 1892'. The coins included 7 Indian head cents, 2 Liberty head nickels and one dime of 1881. His presentation continued with a 1923 1 sol of Peru made into a spoon. There are three types of this 1 sol piece: large or small incuse letters and one with regular letters. This type was not identified. Another coin shown was a silver Alexandrian (Egypt) tetradchm of Otocilia Severa, wife of Philip the Arab, of 244-249 CE. The reverse shows Nilus, the Roman river god. A lucky Penny card similar to encased pennies was shown. The final part of the exhibit was a mercury dime and buffalo nickel purchased from his shop for use in a movie being made in Chicago.

Charles Menard showed three medallions commemorating anniversaries in Chicago. One in pewter was for the University of Chicago which showed a number of buildings in high relief on the obverse and a plaque explaining the function of the medal on the reverse; a second was for the 100th anniversary of Ravinia Park showing the Arch at the south entrance to the park on the obverse and a legend indicating the 'Golden Jubilee Season' and the signatures of the Board of Governors on the reverse; the third was Medal No. 81 for the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with dates and large 100 as part of the design.

The final presenter was **Bob Weinstein** who showed a ½ silver drachm of Shapur I (241-272 CE), a 1 drachm of Shapur ii (309-379 CE) and a drachm of Peroz (459-484 CE), all of Sassania in Persia. Each of the obverse designs showed a bust of the king, while the reverses had the common design of a fire altar flanked by an attendant to either side. The coins showed declining quality with time. A bronze chalkous of Yazdgard II, a drachm of Gujara kingdom of the 6th century and a bronze coin of Sogdiana, king of Samarkand all continued to show the bust and fire altar designs in further deteriorating style, though the altar was no longer part of the local religion.

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Editor's Notes

Our Auction at the November meeting was a great success. Record breaking prices were realized on club medals, tokens and related items. All members present had an opportunity to bid on items they wanted and most if not all were successful in adding to their collection. A *Prices Realized List* is included in this month's *Chatter*.

This auction consisted mainly of a collection belonging to one member who wanted to offer his material to other club members rather than consigning it to some auction house or dealer. This was a good example of collectors helping collectors and was a win - win situation for everyone.

Speaking of auctions, there are certainly some nice collections in our members' cabinets that would not be appropriate for our annual auction because of there high value and specialized field. When a member does consign this type of material to an auction house they should request additional copies of catalogs for the club members. These catalogs could be brought to a club meeting and passed out or sent in bulk to the club editor who in turn would mail them out to the members. This would be a good way to introduce the auction house to the members.

We received an announcement from David A. Hoover, Treasurer of the Schaumburg Numismatic Society stating the Society held their last meeting on December 2, 1996. Also there will no longer be a show in April as there has been over the past several years.

The Field Museum has a new exhibit *Ancient Rome* displaying among other things, a sample of the beautiful Roman coin collection donated to the Museum in 1994 by former Club member Dr. Edwin J. DeCosta. The coin collection will serve as a memorial to DeCosta who died in 1995. The exhibit will be on display in the Searle Lounge until Feb. 3rd.

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Our December meeting will be at the Hickory Pit and will feature our Annual Banquet, election of officers, and best of 1996 show and tell. If you have not made reservations yet contact Carl Wolf ASAP. Don't miss out on a promised good time. More details inside.

William A. Burd

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OUR 935th MEETING

DATE:	December 11, 1996
TIME:	5:00 PM - Cocktails 6:30 PM - Dinner
PLACE:	Hickory Pit Restaurant 2801 S. Halsted Street Chicago, IL 60608
PROGRAM:	Presentation of Awards Installation of Officers Best of Show & Tell

MINUTES OF THE 934th MEETING

The 934th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:10 P.M., November 13, 1996 by President Andrew Michyeta.

Minutes of the October meeting approved as printed in the Chatter.

Committee Reports:
Robert Feiler reported on upcoming CPMX show giveaway. The price to be fixed at $10.00 a motion was entered on the floor and passed.

Saul Needleman; Nominating committee reported for 1997 - 1998 officers: President-Mark Wieclaw, First Vice President-Carl Wolf, Second Vice President-Brian Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer-Richard Hamilton, Archivist-Phil Carrigan, Board of Directors-Mike Metras, Robert Feiler and Jeff Rosinia and Editor-William A. Burd. A call for nominations of officers other than as recommended by the committee was made. None were made by the floor. A vote was made to accept the committee recommendations and passed unanimously.

Carl Wolf reported on the annual Christmas banquet. It will be held at the Hickory Pit Restaurant at 2801 S. Halsted. The price will be $21 per person. The CICF giveaway is being worked on and will probably be woven cloth money. The Cabeen Awards have been chosen and medals are being engraved for presentation at the December meeting.

Saul Needleman representing the Literary committee reported there was one submission for consideration for the year and the results will be announced at the December meeting.

New Members:
Second reading for Nicholas J. Weiss.

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New Business:
Carl Wolf reported on an exhibit of Roman coins at the Field Museum donated to the museum by former club member Edwin J. DeCosta. Also he showed the 1997 calender given away by the ANS at the Newman Dinner and planning on giving away to 1997 Circle members.

Annual auction conducted by Chet Poderski.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,

Brian Stubbs, Sec.-Treas.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

The Chicago Coin Club's Annual Banquet will be held Wednesday, December 11th. The site this year will be the **Hickory Pit Restaurant,** 2801 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60608. Cocktails begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. After dinner there will be a short program entitled *"Best of 1996 Show and Tell"*.

The dinner will be served family style. The menu includes: French Onion soup, tossed salad(with choice of dressing), B.B.Q. Ribs (house specialty), fried chicken, mostaccioli in meat sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter and for dessert, Italian lemon ice.

We will have our own room and White Zinfandel Wine will be available for $2.50 a glass. For those who prefer something else, the bar is just a short walk.

The cost will be $21.00 (checks are to be made payable to the Chicago Coin Club) and reservations are required. Since this is not in the immediate loop area, the club will be reimbursing any cab rides from the loop to the restaurant. Arrangements will be made to get everyone back to the train stations or their homes.

Call Carl Wolf at 773-878-8979 with your reservations and questions. Mail your checks to the Club at P.O. Box 2301, Chicago IL 60690.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION
NOVEMBER 13, 1996

PRICES REALIZED

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	16.00	27	45.00	47	20.00
2	21.00	27a	11.00	48	30.00
3	41.00	28	15.00	49	30.00
4	95.00	29	15.00	50	18.00
5	33.00	30	5.00	51	17.00
6	45.00	30a	3.00	52	40.00
7	80.00	31	3.00	53	8.00
8	40.00	32	3.00	54	3.00
9	60.00	33	185.00	54a	40.00
10	45.00	34	25.00	54b	40.00
11	40.00	35	6.00	54c	20.00
12	35.00	36	5.00	55	30.00
13	8.00	37	10.00	56	30.00
14	11.00	37a	3.00	57	12.00
15	11.00	38	20.00	58	9.00
16	17.00	39	5.00	59	14.00
17	30.00	40	40.00	60	11.00
18	80.00	40a	40.00	61	8.00
19	35.00	40b	25.00	62	17.00
20	16.00	40c	15.00	63	20.00
21	19.00	41	20.00	64	8.00
22	75.00	41a	11.00	65	36.00
23	35.00	42	85.00	66	5.00
24	30.00	43	30.00	67	11.00
25	14.00	44	30.00	68	5.00
26	11.00	45	25.00	69	11.00
		46	45.00	70	15.00

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 11 - Annual CCC Banquet
Election of 1997-1998 Club Officers - Best of 1996 *Show and Tell*

Jan 8 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Herb and Martha Shingoethe on *"Obsolete Bank Notes"*

Feb 13-16 - Chicago International Paper Money Exposition.
CCC Meeting Feb 15 at Show - Featured Speaker - Ian A. Marshal

Mar 12 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - To be announced

April 4-6 - Chicago International Coin Fair
CCC Meeting April 5 at Show - Featured Speaker - William Spengler on *"Cowrie Shells of the World"*

May 14 - CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Anthony Swiatek, Topic to be announced.

BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Jan 16	Michael Metras	
Jan 26	Jennie Sochon	1982

HERB & MARTHA SCHINGOETHE

Herb and Martha Schingoethe are our featured speakers at the January 1997 CCC Meeting and their topic will be *Obsolete Bank Notes.* Our Club's first souvenir sheet was produced from original bank notes in the Schingoethe collection. Our next souvenir sheet will also be produced from notes in their collection.

Herb is a "born collector" starting when he was a small boy picking up arrowheads on the farm.

As a young man, he was one of the organizers of the first Aurora Coin Club and active in it for many years until moving to Colorado in 1960.

During those early years he collected coins, all periods from ancients to modern, medals, tokens and paper money of all kinds. Among many programs given to the Club was one on Confederate Currency, showing his collection long before many thought it and other paper money was 'collectable'.

After marrying Martha in 1975 they concentrated on obsolete currency fields and wrote the only reference on College Currency, published in 1993 - *COLLEGE CURRENCY Money for Business Training.*

Their other big collecting field is that of Indian artifacts, from ancient through modern and have established the *Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures,* with museum open to the public at Aurora University, S. Gladstone Ave., Aurora, IL 60506. As of a year ago, the University asked Herb to grow more of his special, 8 color popcorn for the Center to sell. This year a total of 7 acres of this special popcorn was grown and packaged.

Another field of 'addiction' is travel, having visited in all 7 continents, being especially interested in the varying cultures.

Their talk will certainly be interesting and educational and one we will not want to miss.

J. THOMAS NOLAN
1924 - 1996

J. Thomas Nolan passed away at his Chicago home on Friday, November 22, 1996, having suffered a debilitating stroke weeks prior.

Tom began collecting coins in 1950 and joined the Chicago Coin Club June 8, 1955, becoming member number 635. He was an active member, served as Secretary- Treasurer in 1957-58, and was often the auditor of the Club's annual report. He served on the committee that organized the Club's 1962 Fall Festival, acted as an exhibit judge at local shows and served several times as a judge during National Coin Week. In recent years, he was commonly seen helping at the Club table during local coin shows.

A general collector of U. S. material, Tom also assembled a collection of obsolete banknotes in uncut sheets and three-dollar bills. But he will be best remembered for his creations of cut-out coin jewelry which was very popular during the 1960's and 70's. During that time he had a dealer table at many regional coin shows and a booth at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

In addition to the Chicago Coin Club, he was a member of the American Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society, Illinois Numismatic Association, Oak Park Coin Club and Rockford Coin Club.

Tom was born April 30, 1924 in St., Louis, Missouri. His family moved to Portland, Oregon and Rockford, Illinois, before settling in La Porte, Indiana. He graduated in 1942 from La Porte High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and went on to spend four years in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army during World War II. He worked his way through the University of Notre Dame, majoring in accounting and finance, and graduated in 1951, summa cum laude, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1950 he went to work at Associate Disc Corp. and went on to become the controller with Oscar Mayer Foods, Teledyne Industries, Howard Industries, all of Chicago, and the Tuite Law Firm, Rockford, Illinois. For many years, he was also the CEO and President of Gasparro Enterprises, a former tax law firm that was involved in real estate and investments.

He is survived by his partner in life of 23 years, Michael J. Gasparro, Jr., and two nieces. Kathleen Heft and Carrie Bishop Cruz, of Bellingham, Washington.

Tom willed his body to the Anatomical Gift Association. A memorial mass was held at noon, Monday, December 2nd, St. Benedict Catholic Church, 2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois where the bishop of Rockford, the Most Reverend Thomas Doran, served as the officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a trust which will fund two years of medical school for a student selected by the Anatomical Gift Association. Checks should be made payable to Michael J. Gasparro, with the notation "Trust Fund for J. Thomas Nolan." Send it to: Michael J. Gasparro, 3148 N. Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois 60618-6427.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf

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